



## CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT PROCESS

If you believe you have been discriminated against on the basis of age, color, disability, genetic information, marital or familial status, national origin, parental status, political beliefs, public assistance status, race, religion, reprisal, sex, or sexual orientation, you may file a discrimination complaint.

The complaint must be filed within 180 days of an alleged discriminatory action. Complaints may be filed in writing or orally with the agency head, any designated agency official or the Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250

**NOTE:** Not all bases apply to all programs.

### FARM STORED FACILITY LOANS (FSFL)



Producers who grow their own crops of vegetables, fruits, hay, corn, or grain crops may be interested in knowing there is a Farm Stored Facility Loan Program available to them. The FSFL program allows you to add needed storage for your crops. Cold storage, root cellars, hay barns, corn cribs, bunkers, and silos are all eligible types of storage facilities. The interest rate is fixed once the loan is approved.

Currently the rate for September is 2.25% for a term of 7 years, and 3.625 percent for a 10 year term. Other terms are available. The maximum loan is \$250,000, and the maximum term is 15 years. A credit check is required and there is a \$100 application fee. Please call the office for more information.



### AGI — ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME

The 2008 Farm Bill made changes to the average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) limitations for program eligibility for 2009 through 2012. The average AGI provisions are applicable to the majority of programs administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Each of the following, when directly or indirectly requesting benefits subject to AGI, must certify compliance:

- Individuals / Legal entities
- All interest holders, stockholders, or members of a legal entity
- All members of a joint operation or general partnership

Producers must file a CCC-926 or provide a statement from a certified public accountant or an attorney on a yearly basis.

### PAYMENT LIMITATION

Individuals and entities must be “actively engaged” in farming to be eligible for farm program payments. To be considered actively engaged, the individual or member of the entity must make a significant contribution to the farming operation of capital, equipment, and land, or a combination of all. Individuals and members of entities must provide personal labor or active personal management, or a combination.

New forms have been developed in accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill and must be filed before any payment can be made.

### CONTINUOUS CRP

The Continuous Conservation Reserve Program is an environmental improvement program that allows participants to enroll environmentally sensitive acreages to reduce soil erosion, improve water and soil quality and provide wildlife habitat and food sources. Practices which have been enrolled in continuous CRP are establishing grass waterways in tilled cropland, establishing filter strips along waterways, fencing animals out of waterways and supplying an alternative water source.

Cost sharing for these practices is 90% and with an accompanying annual payment for maintenance and rental of acreage.

### FARM LOANS

The Farm Service Agency has a variety of loan programs available to beginning farmers, established farmers, and socially disadvantaged farmers. In addition, FSA makes operating loans of up to \$5,000 to youths between the ages of 10 and 20 to finance income-producing agricultural projects. To learn more, contact the FSA Farm Loan Team in Concord at 223-6003.

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To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Stop 9410, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call toll-free at (866) 632-9992 (English) or (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (English Federal-relay) or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish Federal-relay). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.”



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