

For: State and County Offices

Availability of the Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Program Statistics Query Tool (REGStats)

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1 Overview

A Background

DR 4370-001, “Collection of race, ethnicity, and gender data for civil rights compliance and other purposes in regard to participation in the programs administered by the Farm Service Agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Risk Management Agency, the Rural Business Service, the Rural Housing Service, and the Rural Utilities Service”, was issued October 11, 2011. DR 4370-001:

- implements the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, Sections 14006 and 14007 (7 U.S.C. 2279-1(a) – (d))
- establishes USDA policy for collecting race, ethnicity, and gender data for conducting oversight and evaluation of civil rights compliance in programs offered by FSA, NRCS, RMA, RBS, RHS, and RUS
- requires applicable USDA agencies submit an annual report on the race, ethnicity, and gender of all program applicants and participants, and ensures that these reports are available on a USDA public web site.

Note: A copy of DR 4370-001 is available at <http://www.ocio.usda.gov/directives/doc/DR4370-001.pdf>.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices of the availability of REGStats on the USDA web site.

Note: Implementation of DR 4370-001 and the collection of race, ethnicity, and gender data was previously addressed in Notice CM-695.

Disposal Date	Distribution
July 1, 2013	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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C Contact

Direct any questions about:

- the REGStats application or information it contains to USDA's Office of Advocacy and Outreach (OAO) at 1-800-220-4183
- FSA outreach activities to Latrice Hill by either of the following:
 - e-mail at latrice.hill@wdc.usda.gov
 - telephone at 202-690-1700.

2 REGStats

A Availability of REGStats on the USDA Web Site

REGStats is the official tool for USDA to make program application and participation rate data available to the public on the Internet. The REGStats web site provides summary information about the number of individuals and entities who apply for, and receive, Federal assistance from the following four USDA agencies or mission areas:

- FSA
- NRCS
- RD
- RMA.

The information available in REGStats includes the number of applicants and recipients, by FY, for a number of USDA programs available to agricultural producers and landowners, categorized by race, ethnicity, and gender. Summary totals may be obtained nationally, or by State and county for the 50 States, as well as the U.S. territories. REGStats contains summary data only. It does **not** contain information about individual agricultural producers.

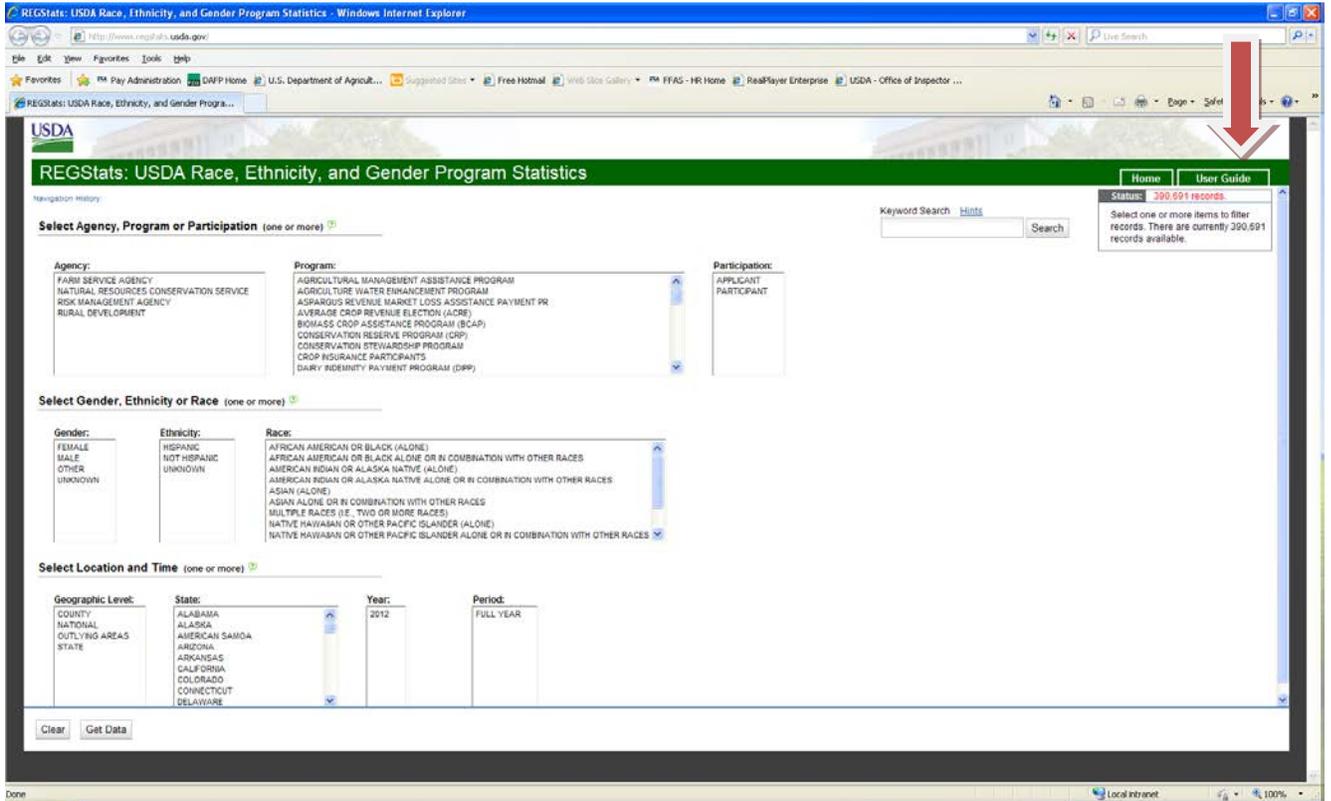
REGStats can be accessed:

- at <http://www.regstats.usda.gov/>
- through the OAO home page at <http://www.outreach.usda.gov/regstats.htm>.

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B REGStats User’s Guide

The REGStats User’s Guide providing guidance to assist users in better understanding the search criteria and reports received is available online by clicking the “User Guide” tab located on the upper-right corner of the screen once REGStats has been accessed.



Note: The REGStats User’s Guide is also available on the DAFO Outreach Sharepoint site at <https://fsa.sc.egov.usda.gov/mgr/DAFO/Outreach/default.aspx>. Under “Documents”, CLICK “Shared Documents”, “REGStats”, and “User Guide”.

3 Using REGStats for Program Outreach

A Public Informational Tool

REGStats is a resourceful informational tool to provide to customers with USDA program participation inquiries.

B Employee Outreach Reference Tool

REGStats can assist employees with State and county outreach goal planning. The data provides County Office Outreach Coordinators with the number of applicants and participants by race, ethnicity, and gender.

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4 Action

A SED Action

SED's shall:

- ensure that **all** State and County Office employees, **including** the State Office FOIA Officer, County Office Records Holding Manager, State Outreach Coordinator, State Communication Coordinator, and County Office Outreach Coordinators, are notified of the USDA REGStats data available on the public domain
- ensure that all employees have reviewed the applicable FSA programs included in REGStats listed in the REGStats User's Guide
- emphasize the use of REGStats data in State and county outreach goal planning
- ensure that REGStats is promoted to partners, stakeholders, and contacts through locally planned outreach activities, such as newsletters, outreach meetings, etc.