

**For:** FSA Employees

**FSA Minority and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers Assistance (MSDA) Office**

**Approved by:** Administrator



**1 Termination of MSDA Helpline**

**A Background**

In 2002, the Secretary of Agriculture established the FSA MSDA Office to help ensure fair and equitable treatment of farmers and ranchers. The office maintained a toll-free helpline that provided an additional measure for farmers and ranchers nationwide when seeking technical assistance and information about USDA loan applications.

**B Purpose**

This notice informs employees that:

- the MSDA Office and helpline have been discontinued
- FSA-831 has been revised to remove the 6D(13) requirement for Poster MP-53 in County Offices
- Notice AO-1562 is obsolete.

**C Contacts**

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<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
October 1, 2013	All FSA employees; State Offices relay to County Offices