

For: State and County Offices

Federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA) Statement

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Loan Programs



1 Overview

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Background

On February 25, 1998, DR 4300-3 was reissued. It revised the nondiscrimination statement that is to be included in information materials that USDA and FSA develop for the public.

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Purpose

This notice:

- requires that all advertisements relating to the sale of farm inventory property contain the revised ECOA statement
- assigns responsibility for monitoring and ensuring that the statement is included in all notices and correspondence relating to farm property sales.

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Contacts

Direct questions about this notice as follows:

- County Offices shall contact State Offices
- State Offices shall contact LSPMD, Guaranteed Loan Servicing and Inventory Property Branch.

Disposal Date

July 1, 1999

Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Contents of ECOA Statement

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ECOA Statement Following is the ECOA statement:

"The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

3 Action

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**State and
County Office
Action**

State and County Offices shall include the ECOA statement in subparagraph 2 on all:

- advertisements relating to farm inventory property sales
 - notices and correspondence relating to farm property sales.
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**State Office
Action**

Farm Loan Chiefs shall request that DD's monitor to ensure that this statement appears on all correspondence and advertisements that relate to the disposal of farm inventory property.

State Offices:

- may implement the requirements of this notice through issuance of State notices
 - shall request DAFLP approval if revisions or modifications to this notice are needed, unless revision is specifically required by State law.
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