

For: FSA Employees

Accessing Multiple Web-Based Applications

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1 Overview

A Background

When Information Bulletin No. 3479 was issued August 12, 2005, it publicized FSA's:

- Intranet Home Page that addressed problems with logging on and navigating to the numerous web-based applications protected by eAuthentication
- Applications Page that consolidated frequently used web-based applications.

Recently some State and County Office employees have asked about accessing multiple web-based applications in 1 Internet Explorer (IE) session. FSA personal computers are capable of running multiple applications simultaneously so users can switch back and forth between applications to compare information.

B Purpose

This notice provides instructions for opening multiple web-based applications in a single IE session.

C Contacts

State eGov Coordinators shall ensure that all employees in their State are aware of this notice. The following provides contacts, if additional information is needed.

Employee Location	Contact
State or County Office	State eGov Coordinator
National Office	Ragh Singh by either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e-mail at ragh.singh@wdc.usda.gov • telephone at 202-720-7094.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2007	All FSA employees; State Offices relay to County Offices

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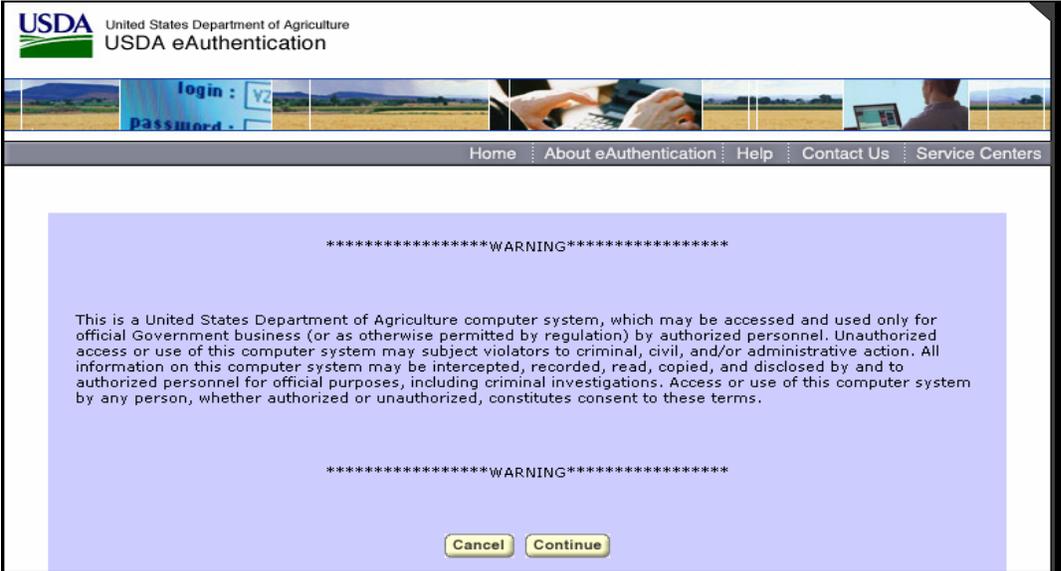
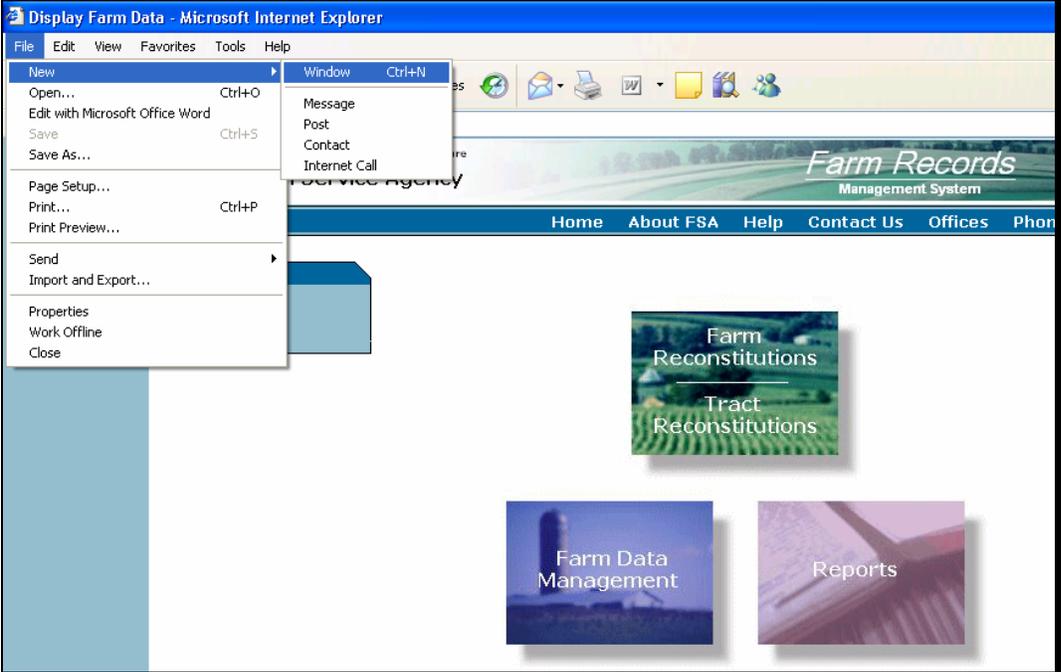
Follow these steps to open multiple web-based applications, including eAuthentication protected programs.

Note: Users do **not** need to authenticate again, as long as IE session is **not** closed.

Step	Action
1	<p>At the FSA Intranet Home Page, under Links, CLICK “FSA Applications”.</p> 
2	<p>From the FSA Applications Page, click FSA Application user wants to access.</p> <p>Example: For this example, CLICK “Farm Records”.</p> 

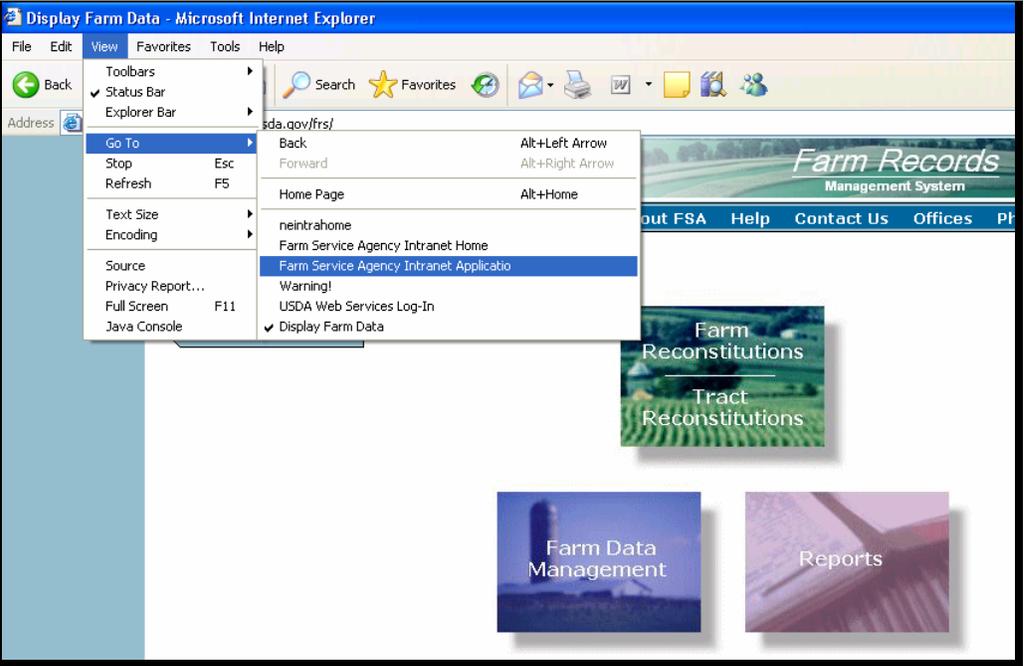
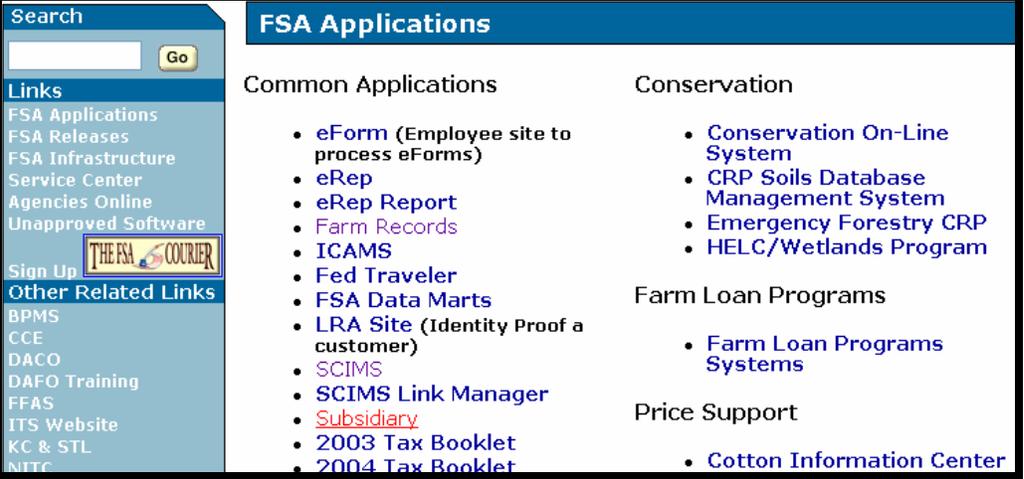
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Step	Action
3	<p>At the eAuthentication Warning Screen, CLICK “Continue”.</p> 
4	<p>Enter user’s eAuthentication user ID and password and CLICK “Login”; the Farm Records web page will be displayed. To open another application in this IE session, CLICK “File”, scroll to “New”, and scroll to “Window”.</p> 

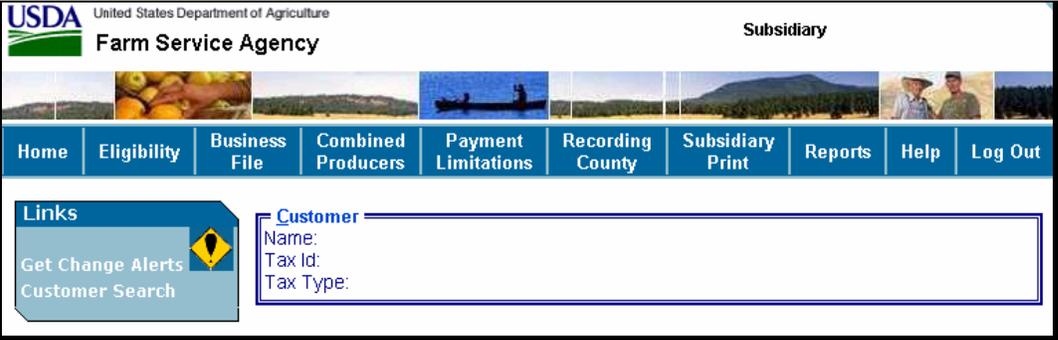
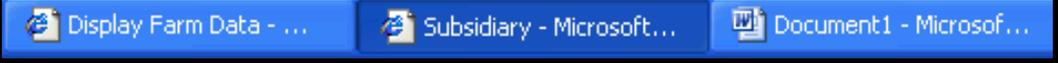
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4 (Cntd)	<p>The screen will be refreshed and user will be allowed to select the next application to be displayed in the new window.</p> <p>Note: Farm Records web page is still displayed on users screen.</p>
5	<p>To select another application, CLICK “View”, scroll to “Go To”, scroll to “Farm Service Agency Intranet Application”.</p> 
6	<p>At the FSA Applications Page, click the application user wants to open next.</p> <p>Example: For this example, CLICK “Subsidiary”.</p> 

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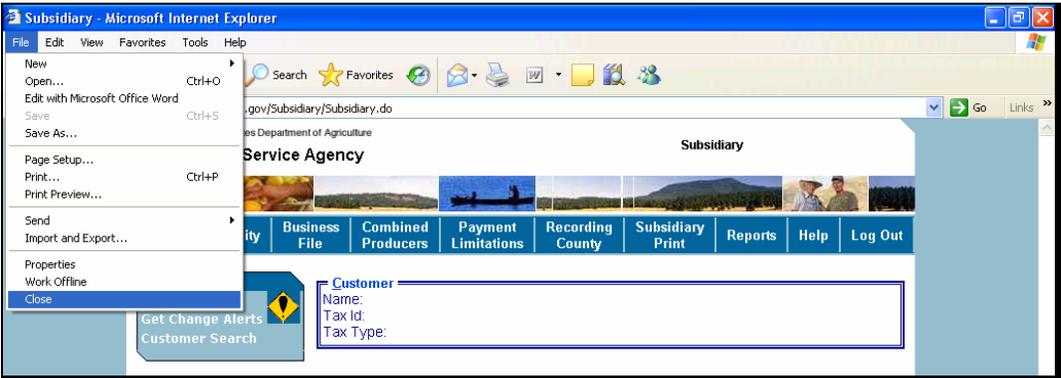
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Step	Action
<p>6 (Cntd)</p>	<p>The web-based application will be displayed in the new window.</p> 
<p>7</p>	<p>Repeat steps 4, 5, and 6 as needed to access additional FSA applications from this IE session. Each time user opens a new application, a “button” will be displayed on the taskbar indicating a task in progress.</p>  <p>Note: As user opens additional applications, all of the taskbar buttons may collapse into a single taskbar “button” that displays a number, so that “4” stands for 4 open applications. User will click the open applications in the group to jump from 1 application to the next.</p>

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B Closing Multiple Web-Based Applications

When user is ready to close the IE session, each application **must** be closed individually.

Step	Action
1	<p>To close individual applications, user may do either of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLICK “File” and scroll to “Close” • CLICK “X” in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. <p>Note: Do not click “Logout” on an application’s web page. If user quits a program by clicking “Logout”, all open applications are closed and all unsaved data is lost.</p> 
2	<p>After closing each individual application; CLICK “Logout” on the last application to close IE session.</p> 

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3	<p>When the eAuthentication Status Screen is displayed with the message, “You are now logged off the USDA eAuthentication system.”, IE session is closed.</p> 