



## USDA Launches New Online Portal for Reporting Foreign-Owned Agricultural Land Transactions

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**Washington, D.C., January 22, 2026** - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is launching a [new online portal](#) to streamline reporting of transactions involving U.S. agricultural land by foreign persons, which can include businesses and governments, under the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 (AFIDA). The new online portal is part of a broader effort to strengthen enforcement and protect American farmland as USDA continues its implementation of the [National Farm Security Action Plan](#).

"President Trump is putting America First, and this includes increasing transparency and scrutiny of one of our most valuable national assets, American farmland. We are working to improve reporting of foreign owned land in the United States. This move to streamline the reporting portal will increase compliance and assist our efforts to effectively enforce farm accurate reporting of interests held by foreign adversaries in U.S. farmland," said Secretary Brooke Rollins. "The online portal will allow us to obtain verifiable information about foreign interests in American agricultural land and protect the security of our farmers."

The new online portal is available at [afida.landmark.usda.gov](https://afida.landmark.usda.gov). Users can access the portal with Login.gov, a sign in service that provides secure online access to participate in certain government programs and reporting requirements.

The new digital portal will gather the same information found on the current form FSA-153 and those subject to filing may still file using the current FSA-153 hard copy form if desired. However, filers should not duplicate filings by using both submission options.

### **About the National Farm Security Action Plan**

One of the key tenets of USDA's [National Farm Security Action Plan](#) (PDF, 1.2 MB) is strengthening processes around disclosure of foreign persons who have an interest in U.S. farmland. This historic plan, announced in July 2025, calls for aggressive implementation of reforms to the AFIDA process including improved verification and monitoring of collected AFIDA data. In addition to the new portal, USDA published an [Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) for AFIDA in December 2025.

### **About AFIDA**

The new portal is part of USDA's efforts to streamline its process for electronic submission and retention of AFIDA disclosures, as initially required by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. Today USDA also shared its [annual AFIDA report](#) for 2024 with Congress, which is available online. The report lists foreign holdings of U.S. agricultural land as 46 million acres, as of December 31, 2024 and includes a section on land held and acquired by China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea in recent years.

AFIDA became law in 1978, and its regulations were created to establish a nationwide system for the collection of information pertaining to foreign ownership of U.S. agricultural land. The regulations require foreign investors who acquire, transfer or hold an interest in U.S. agricultural land to report such holdings and transactions to the Secretary of Agriculture.

The data obtained from AFIDA disclosures are used in the preparation of an annual report to Congress, which is published [online](#).

The AFIDA regulations define the term "foreign person" and specifies the information that must be included in the report. AFIDA focuses on foreign persons who hold direct or indirect interest in the agricultural land, provided those foreign persons with an indirect interest have "significant interest or substantial control" in the direct interest holder.

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