What you need to know to get started
Eligibility and your Land

2008 Food, Conservation and Energy Act **Helping People Help the Land**

An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

Getting Started with USDA Programs

Locate and visit County Soil and Water Conservation District, NRCS and FSA in USDA Service Center

First Questions: Have you registered your farm with FSA

Yes

Existing USDA Client

Farmer: Go to FSA Office to verify if land is in FSA System with Farm and Tract Numbers

Farmer: FSA Representative will verify information in Farm Operating Plan AD-1026, CCC-926, CCC-901, and CCC-902 if applicable.

Farmer: If you are interested in applying for Price Support, Conservation Programs or Disaster Assistance, continue discussion with FSA Representative. For Conservation Technical Assistance, proceed with next step.

NRCS Programs: Farmer you must complete application for USDA Financial Assistance (CCC-1200). A member of the corporation, LLC, or partnership can sign the application upon verification of FSA 901.

No

Not an existing USDA Client

Visit County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Office

Farmer: Bring only one copy of either your deeds, plats, county GIS tax parcel shape files, etc. for land verification

Farmer: If you are set up as a corporation, LLC, or partnership you may Self-Certify for Signature Authority on FAS Form 901, otherwise provide documentation such as Articles of Incorporation, Power of Attorney, Trust Agreements, Stock Entity, etc.

Farmer: Provide personal data to USDA Representative such as SSN, Address, EIN, Tax ID, etc. Data will be entered into Service Center Information Management System (SCIMS). For corporation, LLC, or partnership, all parties information must be entered in the system.

Farmer: FSA assigns you a Farm and Tract Number

Farmer: Complete eligibility forms with FSA Rep to establish Farm Operating Plan. AD-1026, CCC-926, CCC-901 and CCC-902 if applicable

Farmer: If you are interested in applying for Price Support Conservation Programs or Disaster Assistance, continue discussion with FSA Representative. For Conservation Technical Assistance, proceed with next step.

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NRCS & FSA processes application for agency specific programs

USDA

NRCS

Natural Resources Conservation Service