

REFERRAL GUIDE

for USDA Settlements and Claims Adjudication Process

WOMEN and HISPANIC Farmers and Ranchers Claims Adjudication

If you believe that USDA improperly denied farm loan benefits to you for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000 because you are a female, or because you are Hispanic, you may be eligible to apply for compensation.

To register to receive a Claim's Package call Claim's Call Center at: **1-888-508-4429.**

To register to receive a Claim's Package you may visit the Claim's Website at: **www.farmerclaims.gov**

NATIVE AMERICANS Settlement Agreement (*Keepseagle v. Vilsack*)

If you are a Native American who was denied a Farm Loan or Loan Servicing by the USDA between Jan. 1, 1981 and Nov. 24, 1999, you may be eligible for benefits from a Class Action Settlement.

To request a Claim's Package or for more information, call the Claim's Call Center at: **1-888-233-5506.**

To request a claim's package or for more information, visit the Claim's Website at: **www.indianfarmclass.com**

AFRICAN AMERICANS Settlement Agreement (*Pigford II*)

If you are an African-American farmer who (a) submitted a request to file a late claim on or between Oct. 13, 1999 and June 18, 2008, under the 1999 USDA settlement in the earlier class action known as *Pigford v. Glickman* ("Pigford"), and (b) who did not receive a merits determination of their discrimination claim, you may be eligible for benefits from a Class Action Settlement.

For more information, call: **1-866-950-5547 or 1-866-472-7826.**

For more information, visit **www.blackfarmercase.com**

*If you are currently represented by counsel regarding allegations of discrimination against USDA or in a lawsuit claiming discrimination against USDA, you should contact your counsel regarding your claims process. USDA cannot provide legal advice to you. You are not required to hire an attorney to file a claim, but you may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider in your community for additional guidance.

Media calls are referred to the USDA Office of Communication at 202-720-4623.