

What an FSA Farm Number Can Do for You

A Farm Number is an invaluable tool that can open up opportunities for you and your farm. Read on to learn about what an FSA Number can do for you and how to obtain one.

To find your local FSA office, scan the QR below or visit:

farmers.gov/working-with-us/service-center-locator



WHAT IS A FARM NUMBER?

A farm number is a unique, identifying number assigned to a farm by the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA), which helps the agencies map the farms within a particular region. Contacting your local FSA office for a farm number is the first step to accessing FSA farm loans, disaster assistance, crop insurance, and conservation programs offered through the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

IS MY OPERATION CONSIDERED A "FARM?"

The notion of what is considered a farm has recently expanded to include more small-scale and urban agriculture producers. If you are cultivating, processing, and distributing agricultural products, you will likely be considered a farm. Rooftop gardens, community gardens, hydroponic farms, vertical farming, and indoor and backyard growing operations are just some examples of the types of operations that could be eligible to receive a farm number.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF OBTAINING A FARM NUMBER?

Farm numbers help provide the USDA with valuable information on the number and types of farms in the area, which can influence the resources directed to that area. There is strength in numbers!

You could be eligible to elect FSA County Committee members

While a farm number is not required to apply for USDA grants, it is required to determine your eligibility for many other invaluable USDA programs such as:

- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**, which provides financial and technical support for implementing high tunnels, raised beds, and more
- **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)**, which provides financial and technical support for upholding conservation practices on their farms
- **FSA Loans**, which may be available to farmers and farm businesses that might not qualify for conventional loans
- These are just a few of the programs that require a farm number. Even if none of the above are relevant to your farm today, obtaining a farm number now will proactively position you to be ready to apply when new programs are created and/or current programs are expanded

WHAT DO I NEED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR A FARM NUMBER?

Farm numbers are voluntary and free! You will need contact info and proof of legal access to steward the land you are on (e.g. a deed, lease, or documented permission from the owner of the land, etc.). If you want to use your farm number to apply for farm programs, you'll also need a Social Security Number (SSN) or an Employer Identification Number (EIN).

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Visit or call your local FSA office and their experienced team will help you get started. **If you aren't sure you have everything you need to enroll, it's still worth reaching out! The FSA staff is there to help.**

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First Visit? What to Bring

Documents to Get Started



Information Required for Farm Number

Producers can establish a farm with Farm Service Agency (FSA) if they plan to apply for a program administered by FSA or another USDA agency that requires a farm number. To establish a farm, the following documentation can be provided to your local FSA office:

1. FSA form AD-2047 to collect personal information including address, Social Security Number, phone number(s), fax number(s), email address, etc., for **each member** of the farming operation,.

If the farming interest is through an entity, the same information must be provided for the entity.

2. Copy of the deed or other legal document that transferred ownership of the property to you with all required signatures and stamps to show it has been notarized and recorded. Ownership information must be provided for all the agricultural land in which there is an interest (i.e. owner, operator, tenant, etc.), not only the farm that will be enrolled in an FSA or other USDA agency program.

If you lease a farm, a deed must be provided to FSA to establish the farm, in addition to a copy of the lease(s) to verify the current operator or tenant on the farm.

3. If the property is owned and/or operated through an entity (i.e. corporation, LLC, partnership, etc.), copies of the official documents must be provided for the entity. This is required by federal regulation as verification for: (1) the representative authorized to sign for the entity, and (2) the entity exists and is recognized by the Colorado Secretary of State, if applicable.

4. A map is not required to be submitted, but may assist FSA staff in locating property. Assessor account numbers, parcel IDs, and/or legal descriptions will also help us locate the property.

Additional information may be requested, as required by FSA handbook 10-CM.

Once the farm has been established, it will be assigned a farm number. The farm number is used by other USDA agencies for the program applications (i.e. NRCS uses farm numbers for EQIP applications, etc.). Producers will also be included on FSA's mailing list and will receive monthly newsletters and other general mailings pertaining to USDA programs.

Information Required for Land Changes

If information for an existing farm number needs to be updated, such as the owner(s), operator, or the addition or removal of land, the below information can be provided to FSA to request the record change:

- Copy of Recorded Deed or Lease
- Copy of Field Notes and Survey
- Copy of the Plat Map

Short List

1. AD-2047
2. Copy of Deed
3. Lease Agreement, if applicable.
4. Copies of official documents for entity, if applicable.
5. Maps are not required, but may assist FSA staff in locating property.

If you have additional questions on what documents may be needed to get started, contact your local FSA office.

Find your local Service Center at [farmers.gov](https://www.farmers.gov)

FSA has additional flexibilities for operators of heirs' property in obtaining a farm number or being declared operator of a farm.

Visit [farmers.gov/heirs](https://www.farmers.gov/heirs) for more information.

Establishing Producer Record

To create a producer record with FSA, the information for the applicable producer type must be submitted to your local FSA office. Additional information may be requested for determining payment eligibility to participate in FSA or other USDA programs.

Individuals

- AD-2047
- Social Security Number
- Voided Check (if participating in FSA programs)

Estates

- Copy of Death Certificate
- Copy of Employer Identification Number (EIN) assigned to the Estate by the IRS
- Copy of Order to Probate, if the Estate will be probated
- Copy of Will or Copy of Affidavit of Heirship
- Original Letter of Testamentary or Letter of Administration

Corporations

- Copy of Articles of Incorporation
- Copy of Bylaws
- Copy of Certification of Incorporation
- Copy of Organizational Meeting Minutes
- Copy of SS-4 letter from the IRS assigning the EIN for the corporation

Note: If the corporation is made up of all individuals, the information for new individuals will be required as identified above.

Limited Liability Company (LLC)

- Copy of Certificate of Organization
- Copy of Limited Liability Company Regulation
- Copy of Operating Agreement
- Copy of Organizational Meeting Minutes
- Copy of SS-4 letter from the IRS assigning the EIN for the LLC

Note: If the LLC is made up of all individuals, the information for new individuals will be required as identified above.

If the LLC is made up of a corporation or LTD/LP, the information required for that entity type will be required as identified on the page.

Limited Partnership (LTD) or (LP)

- Copy of Certificate of Limited Partnership
- Copy of Limited Partnership Agreement
- Copy of SS-4 letter from the IRS assigning the EIN for the LTD or LP

Note: If the LTD/LP is made up of all individuals, the information for new individuals will be required as identified above.

If the LTD/LP is made up of a corporation or LLC, the information required for that entity type will be required as identified on the page.

NEW FARMERS

From farm loans to crop insurance, and conservation programs to disaster assistance, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is here to support you and your operation.

GET STARTED

Contact Your Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coordinator

Each State has a coordinator that can help you with questions on working with USDA.

Find yours at farmers.gov/manage/newfarmers/coordinators.

Visit Your Local USDA Service Center

USDA Service Centers are offices where you can meet face-to-face with USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff to discuss your vision, goals, and ways USDA can help. Steps to the process are on the next page.

USDA SERVICE CENTER AGENCIES

Farm Service Agency (FSA)

FSA provides disaster assistance, safety net, farm loan, and conservation programs and is the go-to agency for many USDA records. If you're new to working with USDA, your FSA team member will help you register your farm with a farm number. Depending on what you raise or grow, filing an acreage report each season can ensure you're eligible for many programs and allows you to vote in county FSA elections.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

NRCS provides financial and technical assistance and easement programs for conservation on working lands. Your NRCS team member will ask about your goals for your land and can help you develop a conservation plan and file an application for the wide range of NRCS programs.



ADDITIONAL USDA RESOURCES

Risk Management Agency (RMA)

Using new tools provided by the Farm Bill, RMA is working to reduce crop insurance costs for beginning farmers and ranchers.

Rural Development (RD)

USDA RD provides consultations, assistance, and funding opportunities for individuals and businesses located in rural communities.

Cooperative Extension

USDA and agricultural colleges around the country work together to support an extensive network of State, regional, and county Cooperative Extension offices, which can help answer questions you may have about your operation and address common issues faced by agricultural producers.

GET STARTED WITH YOUR LOCAL USDA SERVICE CENTER

Find your local USDA Service Center at farmers.gov/service-locator, where we can meet face-to-face to discuss your vision for your land and how we can help. Free, real-time translation service is also available at the Service Center for non-English speakers, learn more at farmers.gov/interpret.

BEFORE YOUR VISIT

- 1. Make an appointment.** This will ensure quick service. Our offices can get busy, especially at times around program sign-up and reporting deadlines.
- 2. Prepare.** Ask what documents you should bring to help to make the most of your appointment. Examples could include lease agreements, bank account information, inventory or production records, legal paperwork, or personal identification numbers.
- 3. Think about your vision.** What is your vision for your land and farm? What are your challenges?



MORE INFORMATION

Learn more at farmers.gov/newfarmers.

DURING YOUR VISIT

- 1. Register for a farm number.** This is required to participate in USDA programs. Bring an official tax identification (Social Security number or employer ID) and a property deed. If you do not own the land, bring your lease agreement. If your operation is incorporated or an entity, we may need proof of your signature authority and legal ability to sign contracts with USDA.
- 2. Discuss your business and conservation goals.** Your local FSA or NRCS team members need to understand your vision to recommend programs for your operation. For example, are you looking for access to capital, to rebuild after a natural disaster, or to improve your farm's soil health, improve irrigation, or attract more wildlife?
- 3. Make a plan to meet conservation compliance provisions.** You'll need to file form AD-1026 to ensure wetland areas and highly erodible lands are not farmed, unless following an NRCS conservation plan. This is required for all USDA program eligibility, including disaster assistance.
- 4. Verify eligibility.** For most USDA programs, producers must file a CCC-941 to verify they do not exceed an adjusted gross income of \$900,000.
- 5. File your program application.** We can help you complete the forms.
- 6. Sign up for email or text updates.** This will help you stay informed about program signups or deadlines.

AFTER YOUR VISIT

- 1. File your acreage reports throughout the year.**
- 2. Keep in touch with your local office.** Let us know if your business changes or you experience a disaster or hardship.
- 3. Learn about self-service options.** Create a farmers.gov account to manage some of your USDA business outside of a Service Center.



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MORE INFORMATION

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RISK MANAGEMENT | DISASTER ASSISTANCE

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Are You a Beginning Farmer or Rancher?

USDA considers anyone who has operated a farm or ranch for less than ten years to be a beginning farmer or rancher. If that's you, we can provide special assistance to help you get started, sustain, and expand your operation. Our staff and partners are committed to helping you feed the nation by providing access to:

- Advice and technical guidance
- Conservation planning and improvement
- Financial assistance and access to capital
- Insurance and disaster recovery options
- Organic transition and value-added opportunities
- Energy efficiency improvement



How to Get Help

Each state has a Beginning Farmer and Rancher team led by a State Coordinator. Your State Coordinator can help you navigate the USDA process and connect you to partner organizations that specialize in working with beginning farmers and ranchers. Even if you're not USDA-ready, State Coordinators assist you in determining your next steps.

Whether you're just getting started, recovering from a disaster, or looking to expand, your next step will be to make an appointment with your local USDA Service Center to discuss your goals and challenges. The staff there will provide information, technical assistance, and resources to help you participate in the programs that are right for your operation's needs. This free one-on-one assistance includes help with preparing and submitting required paperwork with no need to hire a paid preparer. While some program and loan applications do have an administrative fee for filing, there is never a charge for preparation services provided by USDA staff. Language translation service is available in all USDA Service Centers for real time translation.



To find your State Coordinator, visit farmers.gov/newfarmers/coordinators.

To find your local USDA Service Center, visit farmers.gov/service-locator.





Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)



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Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

National Institute of Food & Agriculture (NIFA)

Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**

Economic Research Service (ERS)

Risk Management Agency (RMA)

Farm Service Agency (FSA)

Rural Development (RD)

Food & Nutrition Service (FNS)

Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

Food Safety & Inspection Service (FSIS)

Rural Housing Service (RHS)

Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

Rural Business – Cooperative Service (RBS)

Forest Service (FS)

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

- We are a technical agency
- *(Provides science-based technical assistance addressing on-farm environmental resource concerns.)*
- Also financial assistance programs
- *(Provides financial assistance to farmers to address natural resource concerns.)*
- “Helping People Help the Land”

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

- Founded during the dust bowl to address soil erosion on cropland in 1930.

(Was called the Soil Conservation Service SCS)

- Now addresses natural resource concerns on:

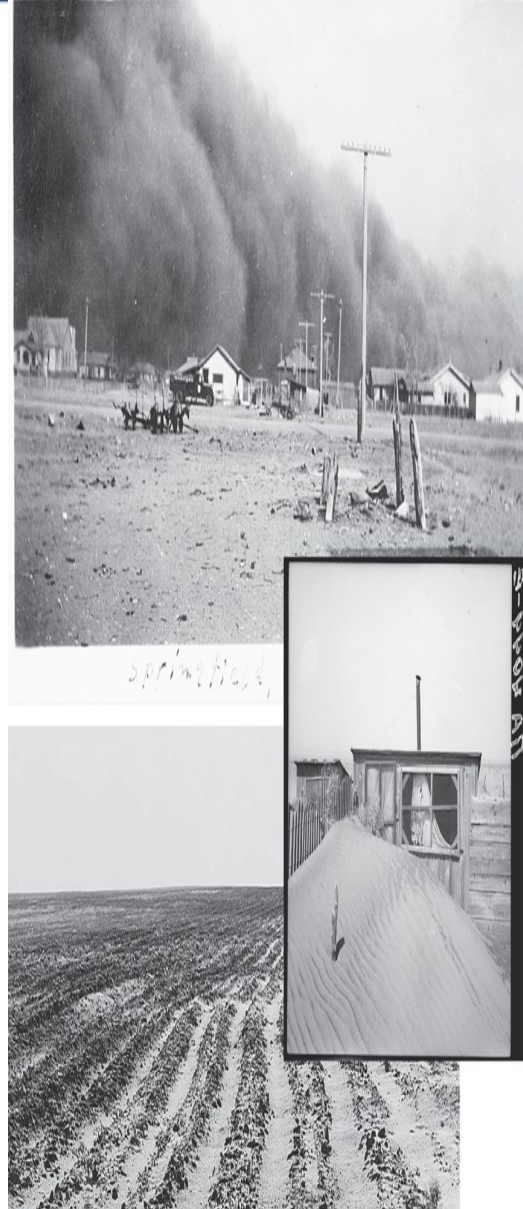
Cropland(including row crops, orchards, sod, hay, nursery, etc.)

Pasture (introduced forage) & **Range** (native forage)

Non-industrial private forest

Farmsteads (such as dairy and poultry facilities)

Natural areas



Resource Concerns

SWAPA + E

- **Soil** (prevent erosion, improve soil health)
- **Water** (protect water quality, water conservation)
- **Air** (minimize emissions of greenhouse gasses)
- **Plants** (increase biodiversity, eradicate invasive species)
- **Animals** (livestock, wildlife, T&E species)
- **Energy** (Improve energy efficiency)



Financial Assistance Programs

• Environmental Quality Incentives Program

is a voluntary conservation program that offers technical and financial assistance for working lands, including field crops, specialty crops, organic, confined livestock and grazing, and non-industrial private forest land to address a resource concern.

2-3 Year program

- Crop Land
- Forest Land
- Pastureland



Environmental Quality Incentives Program

Financial Assistance Programs

Conservation Stewardship Program

CSP is also a voluntary conservation program that offers technical and financial assistance that helps farmers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and move to a higher level of conservation.

5-year program

- AG Land
- Forest Land
- Pastureland



Financial Assistance Programs

Regenerative Pilot Program

Regenerative Agriculture is a conservation management approach that emphasizes natural resources through improved soil health, water management, and natural vitality for the productivity and prosperity of American agriculture and communities.

Minimum 5- Year

- Crop Land
- Forest Land
- Pastureland



Program Eligibility

- The applicant.
- The land.
- The resource concerns addressed.





Program Applicants Eligibility

- ✓ *A Person (individual)*
- ✓ *Legal Entity- LLC, INC, GP*
- ✓ *Indian Tribe*
- ✓ *Alaska Native Corporation*
- ✓ *Joint Operation (with signature authority)*

Program Applicants Eligibility Establishing Records Farm Service Agency (FSA)

Eligibility Forms

- Must establish farm records with local Farm Service Agency (FSA) & obtain a farm and tract number.
 - Proof of Identity – you may be required to show a valid state driver's license, passport or other personal identification, as well as provide your Social Security or Employer Identification (EIN) numbers, address and other related information.
 - Copy of the recorded deed, plat, or lease
 - Copy of the articles of incorporation, bylaws, legal power of attorney or partnership paperwork, if applicable
- *Form AD 1026-Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Determination.*
 - *Form CCC 941- Adjusted Gross Income Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information.*
 - *Form AD 2047-Customer Data Worksheet for New Producers.*
 - *Form CCC 901-Member's information for entity and joint operations only.*
 - *Form CCC 902-I Farm Operating Plan for an Individual*
 - *Form CCC 902-E Farm Operation Plan for an Entity*



Land Eligibility

- ✓ Own or rent and operating agricultural land

Agricultural operation may include:

- ✓ Conventional and Organic
- ✓ Commodity crops or Specialty Crops
- ✓ Livestock operations
- ✓ Forestry and Wildlife

Practice Specific requirements

- ✓ A site must be irrigated for at least 2 of the last 5 years to qualify for irrigation-related conservation practices or activities to improve water conservation.

Resource Concerns

•To be eligible for NRCS programs:

- At least one resource concern must be addressed with an eligible conservation practice.
- Ex. Inefficient Irrigation water use

Watering but hand (water hose, buckets)





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NRCS Planning & Practice





Funding Categories

- Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher (LRF) 90%
- Beginning Farmer or Rancher (BF) 90%
- Social Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher (SD) 90%
- Veteran Farmer or Rancher (must be BF) 90%
- General 75%

Conservation Plans:

- **Considers the current management of your operation.**
(Site assessment.)
- **Are based on your goals and your site's resource needs.**
- **Are site-specific.**
- **Lists the future practices you want to adopt in your operation to improve conservation and to minimize environmental risks.**
- **Identify conservation alternatives that can protect natural resources and improve the sustainability of your agricultural operation.**

Practices that have small acreage scenarios

Low Tunnel System - protects crops from cold weather. (Small and mobile.)

High Tunnel System - extend the growing season & protects crops from cold weather. (6 ft. minimum height.) **May require a building permit.**

Micro-irrigation system (for cropped areas meeting irrigation history requirements).

Water Harvesting Catchment (ex. Catching water from a roof to use in a garden.)

Raised Beds – for growing vegetables, fruit, etc.

Soil Amendment with lime-for

Composting Bins-

Irrigation Practices

Solid Set Irrigation



Micro-Irrigation (Drip)



Micro-Irrigation (Jet)





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Conservation Practices

Irrigation Practices

Irrigation & Livestock Pipeline



Well



Irrigation Reservoir (Water Catchment)





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Conservation Practices

Soil Practices

Mulch



Cover Crop



Conservation Cover (Pollinator)





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Conservation Practices

Soil Practices

Soil Amendment





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Soil Practices (Raise Bed)





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Composting Facility





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Conservation Practices

High Tunnel





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Conservation Practices

Low Tunnel



Seasonal High Tunnel vs Low Tunnel Considerations

- City zoning.
- Kit purchase costs.
- Crop height.
- Construction & repair.
- Operation & Maintenance.
- Irrigation.
- Year-round or seasonal crops





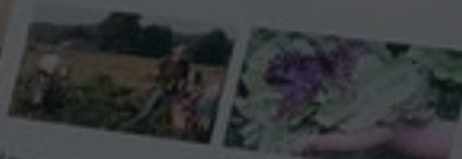
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Questions

HERBACEOUS GARDENS

Gardening can provide therapy for the soul and healing for the spirit. Gardening is a low-impact exercise for people within a wide range of physical abilities.



Any garden can be accessible with raised beds and wide paths. That way, anyone can participate in therapeutic gardening activities.

Solanum melongena
Tomato Pato

Solanum melongena
Burpee Hybrid Eggplant

Solanum melongena
Dusky Eggplant Aubergine



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Websites:

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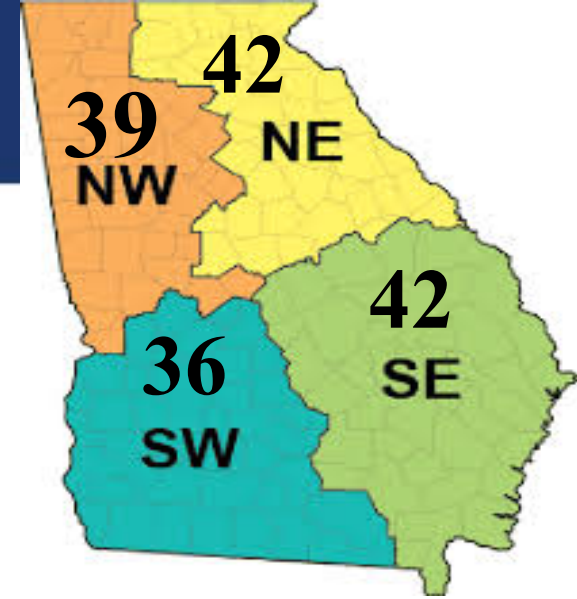
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FSA Farm Number Form Directions

The Individual Form Packet is for you to fill out for yourself, and the Entity Form Packet is for you to fill out on behalf of your entity— i.e., your paperwork will have your name and SSN, while the entity’s paperwork will have the entity’s name and EIN and be signed “[Entity Name] by [Person’s name who has signature authority]”. And your **entity’s formation documents** (SS-4 from the IRS, registration documents from the state, etc). If you start farming on someone else’s land, we will also need a **CCC-855** (a lease form to show that you have permission to farm on their land).

Below are some tips to help you fill out the paperwork. You can fill in the forms digitally and email them back to me for authorized digital signatures, or print them to sign and scan them in. You may also make an appointment to visit the office in person to fill out the paperwork, but you will have to cover your own parking costs.

CCC-901 (entity’s members):

- Entity members refers to people that hold shares of the company. If you created an entity alone, then you may be the only member.
- Use Part A to list the entity members/members who have signature authority and their shares. Only use Parts B-D if one of your entity members includes another entity or a minor.
- Answer 7A, then sign the form at the bottom.

AD-2047 (profile information):

1) New customer

2a) Your name for the individual form packet and the entity’s name for the entity form packet and mailing address

2b) “Individual” for your form packet and “Corporation” for the entity’s form packet

2c-e) Phone number(s)

2f) Email address

2g) Select an option

3a) FULL Social Security Number on your form and the entity’s EIN on the entity form

3b) Birthday (required for minors)

3c) Citizenship

3d) Originating country of entity if not USA

4A-D) Identify demographics

5) Select agencies from which you wish to receive physical mail (AMS: Agricultural Marketing Service, FSA: Farm Service Agency, NRCS: Natural Resources Conservation Service, RMA: Risk Management Agency, RD: Rural Development)

6) Select YES or NO and include other counties if YES

7a) Wet signature of your name or “[Entity Name] by [Person’s name who has signature authority]” or leave blank to digitally sign later

7b) Your relationship to the signature in 7a (ex: “self” or “owner”) or leave blank to digitally fill later

7c) Date of signature or leave blank to digitally date later

8-12) Leave blank

AD-1026 (land conservation compliance with NRCS, only concerns the land that you are registering):

1) Your name for the individual form packet and the entity’s name for the entity form packet

2) Last four digits of SSN or EIN

3) 2025

4) Enter your entity/entity members

5) Review and select if applicable, otherwise go to 6. If you'll have crops that need to be planted each growing season or plan on applying to FSA/NRCS programs, skip this question. *Question 5 does not apply to most, leave blank if not applicable.*

6) Review and select YES or NO. This question asks whether you are or will be planting directly in the ground. If you're only using raised beds/pots, aquaponics/hydroponics, etc – this can be checked NO. *Do not leave blank unless you qualify for question 5.*

7A-C) Review and check YES or NO. This question asks whether you have or will do work that involves deep ground disturbance (land clearing, leveling, etc.). Provide dates where requested. 7C only applies if the drainage system was installed before 12/23/1985 and the land is in continued agricultural production as it was in 1985. *Do not leave blank unless you qualify for question 5.*

8) Review and select if applicable, go to 9. *Question 8 does not apply to most, leave blank if not applicable.*

9A) You may leave blank if you don't have a number yet

9B) State your method of farming (ex: beehives, raised beds, hydroponics, etc)

9C) List the commodities you plan to produce in addition to any other land uses.

9D) County of farm

10A) Wet signature of your name or "[Entity Name] by [Person's name who has signature authority]" or leave blank to digitally sign later

10B) Your relationship to the signature in 10a (ex: "self" or "owner") or leave blank to digitally fill later

10C) Date of signature or leave blank to digitally date later

11A-B) Leave blank

CCC-860 (eligibility for disadvantaged farmer benefits, you may skip this form if nothing applies to you):

1A-C) Leave blank

2) Your name for the individual form packet or the entity name for the entity form packet and mailing address

3-6) Review each part and check the appropriate boxes. Provide dates where requested. For entities requesting consideration as socially disadvantaged, at least 50% of the interest must be held by socially disadvantaged individuals. For entities requesting to be considered a limited resource farmer or rancher, all members must be limited resource farmers or ranchers. For entities to be considered a beginning farmer or rancher, at least 50% of the interest must be held by beginning farmers or ranchers. For entities requesting consideration as veteran farmers or ranchers, at least 50% of the interest must be held by veteran farmers or ranchers.

7) Check if you wish to opt out of automatic enrollment in NAP coverage.

8A) Wet signature of your name or "[Entity Name] by [Person's name who has signature authority]" or leave blank to digitally sign later

8B) Your relationship to the signature in 8a (ex: "self" or "owner") or leave blank to digitally fill later

8C) Date of signature or leave blank to digitally date later

AD-2047
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CUSTOMER DATA WORKSHEET

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The provisions of criminal and civil fraud, privacy and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. **RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.**

PART A CUSTOMER INFORMATION

1. Reason for Request (Check appropriate box(es) below:)

- New Customer Update Existing Customer Record

2A. Customer's Full Name or Business Name and Address
 (Including Zip Code)

2B. Customer Business Type (Example: Individual, Corporation, LLC, Estate, Trust, etc.)

2C. Home Telephone Number (Area Code)

2D. Business Telephone Number (Area Code)

2E. Mobile Telephone Number (Area Code)

2F. Email Address

2G. Does the customer want to receive sensitive (but non-PII) Producer or farm specific related emails?
 YES NO

3A. Taxpayer Identification Number (Complete TIN for new customer or last 4 digits for existing customer) and Type (SSN, EIN, ITN, etc.)

3B. Birthdate (Only required if the customer is a minor)

3C. Citizenship Status: (For Individuals Only)

- U.S. Resident Resident Alien (I-551 Required)
 Not a US Citizen or Resident Alien
 Citizenship country if not US:

3D. Originating Country (For Foreign Entities Only)

Demographic Information

Departmental Regulation 4370-001 provides USDA's policies for collecting demographic data, including race, ethnicity and sex. Providing demographic information is voluntary and at the discretion of the customer. Demographic information is used by USDA for statistical purposes only and will not be used to determine an applicant's eligibility for programs or services for which they apply. You may disregard providing information in items 4A, 4B or 4C if the information has previously been provided to USDA. A customer identified in Item 2A that is a legal entity must base responses to the race, ethnicity and sex on the individual persons holding at least 50 percent ownership interest in the legal entity.

4A. Race/Ethnicity: (Note: Select all that apply.)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Asian
 Black or African American
 Hispanic or Latino
 Middle Eastern or North African
 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 White

4B. Sex (Individual):

- Male
 Female

4C. Sex (Legal Entity)

- Not applicable/unknown
 Organization/Female Owned
 Organization/Male Owned

Date Stamp

Note: See instructions for legal entities

5. Customer has interest in one or more of the following agencies. (Check Appropriate Agency(ies) below:)		
<input type="checkbox"/> AMS <input type="checkbox"/> FSA <input type="checkbox"/> NRCS <input type="checkbox"/> RMA <input type="checkbox"/> RD		
6. Is the Customer a Multi-County Producer? <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "YES," list States and/or Counties below:) <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
7. See form instructions for signature requirements.		
7A. Customer Signature	7B. Title/Relationship	7C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
PART B SERVICE CENTER ACTION		
8A. Agency Who Received Request: (Check one below)	8B. Initials of Employee Receiving Request (If Different than Item 12A)	8C. Date Service Center Employee Received the Request (MM-DD-YYYY)
<input type="checkbox"/> FSA <input type="checkbox"/> NRCS <input type="checkbox"/> RD		
9. How the Request for Change was Received:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Office Visit <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> FAX <input type="checkbox"/> USPS <input type="checkbox"/> Box <input type="checkbox"/> One Span <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify):		
10. COC LAA:		
11. Remarks, if Applicable:		
12A. Signature of Employee Updating Business Partner if not initialed in Item 8B.	12B. Date Service Center Employee Updating Business Partner (MM-DD-YYYY)	

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FarmServiceAgency

**HIGHLY ERODIBLE LAND CONSERVATION (HEL) AND
WETLAND CONSERVATION (WC) CERTIFICATION**

Read attached AD-1026 Appendix before completing form.

PART A – BASIC INFORMATION

1. Name of Producer	2. Tax Identification Number (Last 4 digits)	3. Crop Year
4. Names of affiliated persons with farming interests . Enter "None," if applicable.		
<i>Affiliated persons with farming interests must also file an AD-1026. See Item 7 in the Appendix for a definition of an affiliated person.</i>		
5. Check one of these boxes if the statement applies ; otherwise continue to Part B.		
A. <input type="checkbox"/> The producer in Part A does not have interest in land devoted to agriculture. Examples include bee keepers who place their hives on another person's land, producers of crops grown in greenhouses, and producers of aquaculture AND these producers do not own/lease any agricultural land themselves. Note: Do not check this box if the producer shares in a crop.		
B. <input type="checkbox"/> The producer in Part A meets all three of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • does not participate in any USDA program that is subject to HELC and WC compliance except Federal Crop Insurance. • only has interest in land devoted to agriculture which is exclusively used for perennial crops, except sugarcane, and • has not converted a wetland after February 7, 2014. <p>Perennial crops include, but are not limited to, tree fruit, tree nuts, grapes, olives , native pasture and perennial forage. A producer that produces alfalfa should contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service at the nearest USDA Service Center to determine whether such production qualifies as production of a perennial crop.</p> <p>Note: If either box is checked, and the producer in Part A does not participate in Farm Service Agency (FSA) or Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs, the full tax identification number of the producer must be provided, but establishment of detailed farm records with FSA is not required. Go to Part D and sign and date.</p>		

PART B - HELC/WC COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS

Indicate YES or NO to each question. <i>If you are unsure of whether a HEL determination, wetland determination, or NRCS evaluation has been completed, contact your local USDA Service Center.</i>	YES	NO
6. During the crop year entered in Part A or the term of a requested USDA loan, did or will the producer in Part A plant or produce an agricultural commodity (including sugarcane) on land for which an HEL determination has not been made?		
7. Has anyone performed (since December 23, 1985), or will anyone perform any activities to:		
A. Create new drainage systems, conduct land leveling, filling, dredging, land clearing, or excavation that has NOT been evaluated by NRCS? If "YES", indicate the year(s): _____		
B. Improve or modify an existing drainage system that has NOT been evaluated by NRCS? If "YES", indicate the year(s): _____		
C. Maintain an existing drainage system that has NOT been evaluated by NRCS? If "YES", indicate the year(s): _____ Note: Maintenance is the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of the capacity of existing drainage systems to allow for the continued use of wetlands currently in agricultural production and the continued management of other areas as they were used before December 23, 1985. This allows a person to reconstruct or maintain the capacity of the original system or install a replacement system that is more durable or will realize lower maintenance or costs.		
Note: If "YES" is checked for Item 7A or 7B, then Part C must be completed to authorize NRCS to make an HELC/WC and/or certified wetland determination on the identified land. If "YES" is checked for Item 7C, NRCS does not have to conduct a certified wetland determination.		
8. Check one or both boxes, if applicable; otherwise, continue to Part C or D.		
A. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box only if the producer in Part A has FCIC reinsured crop insurance and filing this form represents the <u>first time</u> the producer in Part A, including any affiliated person, has been subject to HELC and WC provisions.		
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if either of the following applies to the producer and crop year entered in Part A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a tenant on a farm that is/will not be in compliance with HELC and WC provisions because the landlord refuses to allow compliance, but all other farms not associated with that landlord are in compliance. (AD-1026B, Tenant Exemption Request, must be completed). • Is a landlord of a farm that is/will not be in compliance with HELC and WC provisions because of a violation by the tenant on that farm, but all other farms not associated with that tenant are in compliance. (AD-1026C, Landlord or Landowner Exemption Request, must be completed). 		

PART C – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

9. If "YES" was checked in Item 6 or 7, provide the following information for the land to which the answer applies:

A. Farm and/or tract/field number: _____
If unknown, contact the Farm Service Agency at the nearest USDA Service Center.

B. Activity: _____

C. Current land use (specify crops): _____

D. County: _____

PART D – CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

I have received and read the AD-1026 Appendix and understand and agree to the terms and conditions therein on all land in which I (or the producer in Part A if different) and any affiliated person have or will have an interest. I understand that eligibility for certain USDA program benefits is contingent upon this certification of compliance with HELC and WC provisions and I am responsible for any non-compliance. I understand and agree that this certification of compliance is considered continuous and will remain in effect unless revoked or a violation is determined. I further understand and agree that:

- all applicable payments must be refunded if a determination of ineligibility is made for a violation of HELC or WC provisions.
- NRCS may verify whether a HELC violation or WC has occurred.
- a revised Form AD-1026 must be filed if there are any operation changes or activities that may affect compliance with the HELC and WC provisions. I understand that failure to revise Form AD-1026 for such changes may result in ineligibility for certain USDA program benefits or other consequences.
- affiliated persons are also subject to compliance with HELC and WC provisions and their failure to comply or file Form AD-1026 will result in loss of eligibility for applicable benefits to any individuals or entities with whom they are considered affiliated.

Producer's Certification:

I hereby certify that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

10A. Producer's Signature (By)	10B. Title/Relationship (If Signing in Representative Capacity)	10C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
FOR FSA USE ONLY (for referral to NRCS) Sign and date if NRCS determination is needed.	11A. Signature of FSA Representative	11B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)

IMPORTANT: If you are unsure about the applicability of HELC and WC provisions to your land, contact your local USDA Service Center for details concerning the location of any highly erodible land or wetland and any restrictions applying to your land according to NRCS determinations before planting an agricultural commodity or performing any drainage or manipulation. Failure to certify and properly revise your compliance certification when applicable may: (1) affect your eligibility for USDA program benefits, including whether you qualify for reinstatement of benefits through the Good Faith process; and (2) result in other consequences.

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**APPENDIX TO FORM AD-1026
HIGHLY ERODIBLE LAND CONSERVATION (HELIC) AND
WETLAND CONSERVATION (WC) CERTIFICATION**

1. Overview

The following conditions of eligibility are required for a producer to receive any U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) loans or other program benefits that are subject to the highly erodible land conservation (HELIC) and wetland conservation (WC) provisions. Unless an exemption has been granted by USDA, the producer agrees to all of the following on all farms in which the producer, and any affiliated person to the producer (as specified in 7 CFR Part 12), has an interest:

- **NOT** to plant or produce an agricultural commodity on highly erodible land or fields unless being farmed in accordance with a conservation plan or system approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- **NOT** to plant or produce an agricultural commodity on a wetland that was converted after December 23, 1985.
- **NOT** to have converted a wetland after November 28, 1990, for the purpose, or to have the effect, of making the production of an agricultural commodity possible on such converted wetland.
- **NOT** to convert a wetland by draining, dredging, filling, leveling, removing woody vegetation, or any other activity that results in impairing or reducing the flow and circulation of water in a way that would allow the planting of an agricultural commodity.
- **NOT** to use proceeds from any Farm Service Agency farm loan, insured or guaranteed, or any USDA financial assistance program, in such a way that might result in negative impacts to a wetland, except for those projects evaluated and approved by Natural Resources Conservation Service.

2. Statutory and Regulatory Authority

The Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, requires producers participating in most programs administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and the Risk Management Agency (RMA) to comply with HELIC and WC provisions on all land owned or farmed that is considered highly erodible or a wetland unless USDA determines an exemption applies. Producers participating in these programs, and any individual or entity considered to be an affiliated person of a participating producer, are subject to these provisions. The regulations covering these provisions are set forth at 7 CFR Part 12; all such provisions, whether or not explicitly stated herein, shall apply.

3. Explanation of Terms

Agricultural commodity is **any** crop planted and produced by annual tilling of the soil, including tilling by one-trip planters, or sugarcane.

Highly erodible land is any land that has an erodibility index of 8 or more.

Highly erodible fields are fields where either:

- 33.33 percent or more of the total field acreage is identified as soil map units that are highly erodible; or
- 50 or more acres in such field are identified as soil map units that are highly erodible.

Perennial crop is any crop that is planted once and produces crops over multiple years. Go to www.nrcs.usda.gov/compliance for a list of perennial and annual crops.

Wetland is an area that:

- has a predominance of hydric soils (wet soils);
- is inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater (hydrology) at a frequency and duration sufficient to support a prevalence of hydrophytic (water tolerant) vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions; and
- under normal circumstances supports a prevalence of such vegetation, except that this term does not include lands in Alaska identified as having a high potential for agricultural development and a predominance of permafrost soils.

4. NRCS and FSA Determinations

When making HELC and WC compliance determinations:

- NRCS makes technical determinations; these include :
 - For HELC compliance:
 - whether land is considered highly erodible ;
 - establishing conservation plans or systems; and
 - whether highly erodible fields are being farmed in accordance with a conservation plan or system approved by NRCS.
 - For WC compliance:
 - whether land is a wetland and if certain technical exemptions apply , such as prior converted;
 - whether a wetland conversion has occurred.
- FSA's responsibilities include:
 - making eligibility determinations, such as who is ineligible based upon NRCS technical determinations of non-compliance.
 - acting on requests for application of certain eligibility exemptions, such as the good faith relief exemption.
 - maintaining the official USDA records of highly erodible land and wetland determinations. The determinations are recorded both within the geographic information system and the automated farm and tract records maintained by FSA; however, it is important to know that determinations may not include all of a producer's land. If a producer is uncertain of the highly erodible land and wetland determinations applicable to any of the producer's land, the producer should contact the appropriate USDA Service Center for assistance.

5. HELC and WC Non-Compliance - FSA and NRCS Programs

Producers who are not in compliance with HELC and WC provisions are not eligible to receive benefits for most programs administered by FSA and NRCS. If a producer received program benefits and is later found to be non-compliant, the producer may be required to refund all benefits received and/or may be assessed a penalty.

In particular, unless exemptions apply, a producer participating in FSA and NRCS programs must: not plant or produce an agricultural commodity on a highly erodible field unless such production is in compliance with a conservation plan or system approved by NRCS; not have planted or produced an agricultural commodity on a wetland converted after December 23, 1985; and, after November 28, 1990, must not have converted a wetland for the purpose, or to have the effect, of making the production of an agricultural commodity possible on such converted wetland.

A producer who violates HELC or WC provisions is ineligible for applicable FSA and NRCS benefits for the year(s) in violation. A planting violation, whether on highly erodible land or a converted wetland, results in ineligibility for benefits for the year(s) when the planting occurred. A wetland conversion violation results in ineligibility beginning with the year in which the conversion occurred and continuing for subsequent years, unless the converted wetland is restored or mitigated before January 1st of the subsequent year.

6. HELC and WC Non-Compliance - Risk Management Agency - Crop Insurance Policies Reinsured by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

Producers obtaining federally reinsured crop insurance will not be eligible for any premium subsidy paid by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) for any policy or plan of insurance if the producer:

- has not filed a completed Form AD-1026 with FSA certifying compliance with HELC and WC provisions; or
- is not in compliance with HELC and WC provisions.

Unless an exemption applies, a producer must:

- not plant or produce an agricultural commodity on a highly erodible field, unless such production is in compliance with a conservation plan approved by NRCS;
- not plant or produce an agricultural commodity on a wetland converted after February 7, 2014; and
- not have converted a wetland for the purpose, or to have the effect, of making the production of an agricultural commodity possible on such converted wetland after February 7, 2014.

A producer is ineligible for any premium subsidy paid by FCIC on all policies and plans of insurance for the reinsurance year (July 1 – June 30) following the reinsurance year of a final determination of a violation of HELC or WC provisions, including all administrative appeals, unless specific exemptions apply. Further, a producer will be ineligible for any premium subsidy paid by FCIC on all policies and plans of insurance for a reinsurance year if they do not have a completed Form AD-1026 on file with FSA certifying compliance on or before the June 1 prior to the beginning of the subsequent reinsurance year (July 1), unless otherwise exempted. RMA will contact FSA to determine compliance with HELC and WC provisions and the filing of Form AD-1026 prior to the beginning of a reinsurance year, which begins on July 1. If the producer is not in compliance and is not exempt, the producer will be ineligible for premium subsidy for all crops with a sales closing date between the following July 1 through the next June 30.

7. Affiliated Persons

Any affiliated person of a producer requesting benefits subject to HELC and WC provisions must also be in compliance with those provisions. Ineligibility of a producer will also apply to affiliated persons of that producer. If an affiliated person has a farming interest (as owner, operator, or other producer on any farm), the affiliated person must also file Form AD-1026 certifying compliance with HELC and WC provisions in order for the producer requesting benefits to be eligible.

Use this table to determine affiliated persons who must be in compliance with HELC and WC provisions and file Form AD-1026. If you are unsure about an affiliated person determination, please contact FSA at your local USDA Service Center for assistance.

IF the producer requesting benefits is a (an) . . .	THEN affiliated persons with farming interests who must be in compliance with HELC and WC provisions and file Form AD-1026 are. . .
individual	spouses or minor children with separate farming interests, or who receive benefits under their individual ID number.
NOTE: For a minor, parents or guardians shall be listed as affiliated persons .	estates, trusts, partnerships, and joint ventures in which the individual filing, or the individual's spouse or minor children have an interest.
	corporations in which the individual filing or the individual's spouse or minor children have more than 20% interest.
general partnership limited partnership limited liability company joint venture estate irrevocable or revocable trust Indian tribal venture or group	first level members of the entity.
corporation with stockholders	first level shareholders with more than 20% interest in the corporation. Note: First level shareholders of a corporation with 20% interest or less in the corporation are not considered affiliated persons of the corporation.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Signature on Form AD-1026 gives representatives of USDA authorization to enter upon and inspect all farms in which the producer in Part A of Form AD-1026 has an interest for the purpose of confirming HELC and WC compliance.

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CCC-860 (01-11-23)	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation	1A. County FSA Office Name and Address (Including Zip Code) Atlanta FSA 100 Alabama St SW Bldg 1924 Suite 3R95 Atlanta GA 30303	
		1B. Telephone Number (Area Code) 404-439-6792	1C. Program Year 2025

2. Applicant's Name and Address	INSTRUCTIONS: Complete Parts A, B, C D, and/or E as applicable. Read the information relating to false certification in Part F. Return this form to the address in Item 1 above.
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INFORMATION: If a legal entity requests to be considered a "socially disadvantaged," "limited resource," "beginning" or "veteran" farmer or rancher, the entity must meet the definition as provided on Page 2 of this form. Farmer or rancher includes; "owners", "operators" and "other producers".

PART A – CERTIFICATION OF SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMER OR RANCHER

3. I certify that I am a member of a group listed below, whose members have been subject to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities. (Check all that apply apply but note that if only "women" is checked without selecting the other category, the selection does not make the applicant socially disadvantaged for conservation programs).

Women.

American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Asians or Asian Americans, Black or African Americans, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders, Hispanics.

PART B – CERTIFICATION OF LIMITED RESOURCE FARMER OR RANCHER

Limited resource farmer or rancher status can be determined by using a web site available through the Limited Resource Farmer and Rancher Online Self-Determination Tool through Natural Resources Conservation Service at <https://lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/>.

4. I certify that the following statements are true by checking the box:

My/our direct or indirect gross farm sales (as individuals, if applicable for the entity or joint operation) do not exceed the amount identified in the Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher Self-Determination Tool for the 2 calendar years that precede the complete taxable year before the relevant program year (see Table 1 on Page 2 of this form), adjusted upwards in later years for any general inflation.

My/our total household income (as individuals, if applicable for the entity or joint operation) was at or below the national poverty level for a family of four in each of the same 2 previous years (see Table 1 on Page 2 of this form) referenced above.

PART C – CERTIFICATION OF BEGINNING FARMER OR RANCHER

5. I certify that the following statements are true by checking the box and providing the date I began farming:

I (or if applicable, the entity or joint operation) have not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years.

I (or if applicable, the entity or joint operation) substantially participate in the operation.

Date (Month/Year began farming)

PART D – CERTIFICATION OF VETERAN FARMER OR RANCHER

6. I certify that I am a farmer or rancher who has served in the Armed Forces as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(10) and I meet the requirements of at least one of the boxes below: (Check all that apply)

A. I (or if applicable, the entity or joint operation) have not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years and began farming in _____

Date (Month/Year)

B. I (or if applicable, the entity or joint operation) am a veteran (as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) who first obtained status as a veteran during the most recent 10-year period _____

Date (Month/Year)

PART E – NAP COVERAGE OPTION

By submitting a certification under Parts A, B, C, and/or D, you are also certifying that you are eligible for a service fee waiver for catastrophic coverage on eligible crops under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for each program year for which your certification is applicable. Additionally, higher levels of NAP coverage can be purchased with reduced premiums through your local FSA County Office. NAP is subject to 7 CFR Part 1437 and the NAP Basic Provisions, available at: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/noninsured-crop-disaster-assistance/index>

Your signature on this certification is your application for NAP catastrophic coverage, and acknowledgement and receipt of the NAP Basic Provisions, on eligible crops for each program year for which your certification is applicable, unless you opt out of NAP catastrophic coverage for eligible crops in Item 7 below. For more information about NAP, visit your local FSA County office.

7. If you do not want to participate in NAP, enter a check mark in the box provided. I elect to opt out of NAP coverage

PART F – PENALTY FOR FALSE CERTIFICATION

The penalty for false certification is loss of all benefits for the crop year in which the false certification was made.

8A. Applicant's Signature (By)	8B. Title/Relationship of the Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity	8C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
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NOTE: *The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a – as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.) and the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-79). The information will be used to certify that an individual, legal entity, or joint operation is a member of a socially disadvantaged group, qualifies as a limited resource CCC producer, qualifies as a beginning farmer or rancher or qualifies as a veteran farmer or rancher. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated) and USDA/FSA-14, Applicant/Borrower. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility for socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmer or rancher program benefits.*

Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Statement: *Information collection is exempted from PRA as specified in 7 U.S.C. 9091(c)(2)(B).*

Public Burden Statement (Paperwork Reduction Act): *Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 6 minutes per response, including reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, completing (providing the information), and reviewing the collection of information. For the CFAP, ERP Phase 1 and 2, and FSCSC, you are not required to respond to this collection of information unless valid OMB control numbers are displayed.*

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

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To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Definitions:

A. Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher:

A socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher is a farmer or rancher who is a member of a group whose members have been subject to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities. Groups include: American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Asians or Asian Americans, Blacks or African Americans, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders, Hispanics, and women (for those selecting a group that includes gender). Note that if applicant only checks “women” without also selecting the other category the selection does not make applicant socially disadvantaged for conservation programs.

For entities requesting to be considered socially disadvantaged, at least 50% of the interest must be held by socially disadvantaged individuals.

B. Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher:

A limited resource farmer or rancher is a farmer or rancher that meets the criteria for both of the following:

- A producer whose direct or indirect gross farm sales do not exceed the amount identified in the Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher Self-Determination Tool* in each of the 2 calendar years that precede the complete taxable year before the relevant program year, adjusted upwards in later years for any general inflation, and

Program Year	Corresponding Years
2017	2014 and 2015
2018	2015 and 2016
2019	2016 and 2017
2020	2017 and 2018

- A producer whose total household income was at or below the national poverty level for a family of four in each of the same 2 previous years reference in paragraph (1) of this definition.

* A limited resource farmer or rancher status can be determined using the web site available through the Limited Resource Farmer and Rancher Online Self-Determination Tool through Natural Resources Conservation Service at <https://lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/>.

For entities requesting to be considered limited resource farmer or rancher, all members must be a limited resource farmer or rancher.

Note: This definition is not applicable to Farm Loan Programs.

C. Beginning Farmer or Rancher:

A beginning farmer or rancher is a person or legal entity for which both of the following are true for the farmer or rancher:

- Has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years, and
- Materially and substantially participates in the operation.

For entities to be considered a beginning farmer or rancher, at least 50% of the interest must be beginning farmers or ranchers.

NOTE: This definition is not inclusive of all Farm Loan Programs requirements.

D. Veteran Farmer or Rancher:

A veteran farmer or rancher is a farmer or rancher who has served in the Armed Forces (as defined in section 101 (10) of title 38) and who —

- Has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years total, or
- Has obtained status as a veteran (as so defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) during the most recent 10-year period.

For entities requesting to be considered a veteran farmer or rancher, at least 50% of the interest must be held by veteran farmers or ranchers.

E. NAP Coverage Option:

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when a low yield, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters. Non-insurable crops are those not insured by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. Eligible crops for NAP are commercially grown for food or fiber (excluding livestock and their by-products), commodities, and industrial crops for which crop insurance, excluding pilot coverage, is not available.

Catastrophic coverage is equal to 50 percent of your expected yield and 55 percent of the expected price for the eligible crop (referred to as Basic 50/55). You are not required to pay a fee or a premium for this level of coverage. Additional coverage options and higher levels of coverage are available with a premium. To avail yourself to these options, you must timely file CCC-471 (NAP Application for Coverage) in any FSA County office.

For additional information regarding NAP, visit FSA's NAP page at:

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/noninsured-crop-disaster-assistance/index>

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MEMBER'S INFORMATION		2. State
		3. Program Year

INSTRUCTIONS: Return this completed form to your County FSA Office.

PART A - For each individual or entity who is a member of this entity, list the member's name, social security/employer identification number, address and percentage share of ownership. If a member has both types of identification numbers, list both.

Name of Legal Entity _____ **Complete Tax ID Number** _____ - _____

1. Member's Name	2. SSN or Tax ID Number <i>(Last 4 digits if already on file)</i>	3. Address	4. Percent Share	5. Does this member have signature authority for the legal entity? <i>(Yes or No)</i>
			%	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			%	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			%	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			%	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			%	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

PART B - Embedded Entities: For any member listed in Part A, who is an entity, list such embedded entity's name and list the requested, information for each member of such entity. If a member has both types of identification numbers, list both. If more than one member, listed in Part A is an entity, provide the requested information for each entity on supplemental sheets.

Name of Embedded Legal Entity _____ **Complete Tax ID Number** _____ - _____

1. Member's Name	2. SSN or Tax ID Number <i>(Last 4 digits if already on file)</i>	3. Address	4. Percent Share	5. Does this member have signature authority for the legal entity? <i>(Yes or No)</i>
			%	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			%	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			%	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			%	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			%	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

DATE STAMP

PART C - Embedded Entities: For any member listed in Part B, who is an entity, list such embedded entity's name and list the requested, information for each member of such entity. If a member has both types of identification numbers, list both. If more than one member, listed in Part B is an entity, provide the requested information for each entity on supplemental sheets.

Name of Embedded Legal Entity _____ Complete Tax ID Number _____ - _____

1. Member's Name	2. SSN or Tax ID Number. <i>(Last 4 digits if already on file)</i>	3. Address	4. Percent Share	5. Does this member have signature authority for the legal entity? <i>(Yes or No)</i>
			%	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			%	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			%	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			%	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

PART D – Minor Members or Shareholders - For any member or Shareholder who is a minor, provide the following: N/A

1. Minor's Name	2. Date of Birth <i>(MM-DD-YYYY)</i>	3. Parent's or Guardian's Name	4. Parent's or Guardian's Address	5. Parent's or Guardian's SSN or Tax ID No. <i>(Last 4 digits if already on file)</i>

6. Separate Status of Minors

- (a) Is any minor a producer on a farm in which the parent or guardian has no interest? YES NO
- (b) Does any minor maintain a separate household from the parent or guardian and personally carry out farming activities with respect to the minor's farming operation, including maintaining separate accounting? YES NO
- (c) Does any minor who is represented by a court-appointed guardian or conservator responsible for the minor: 1) live in a household other than the parents' household(s), and 2) have a vested ownership in the farm? YES NO
- (d) If any minor with an interest in this farming operation can answer "YES" to Items 6(a)-6(c), list that minor's name:

Part E. Foreign Persons – For any Member or Shareholder who is a foreign person, provide the following:

7A. Citizenship Status - Is each Member and Shareholder of the legal entity identified in Part A, and any embedded entity identified in Parts C, D and E a U.S. Citizen?

YES, all members/shareholders are US Citizens - Go to Part F NO, one or more members/shareholders is not a US Citizen - Complete Item 7B

7B. For each member or shareholder (direct or embedded) who is not a US Citizen, provide the following:

(1) Name of Individual	(2) This individual has a valid Form I-551	FOR FSA USE ONLY	
		Form I-551 Presented to FSA	CCC Initials
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

PART F- CERTIFICATION - By Signing:

- I certify that I have signature authority for the entity identified in Part A and all information entered on this document is true and correct
- I understand that furnishing incorrect information will result in forfeiture of payments and benefits.
- I will timely provide written notification to the Farm Service Agency committees for the county and State listed on this form of any changes in the information provided.

1. Representative's Signature (By)	2. Title/Relationship of Individual Signing in the Representative	3. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
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Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Statement: This information collection is exempted from the Paperwork Reduction Act as specified in 7 U.S.C. 9091(c)(2)(B).

Public Burden Statement: For CFAP 2.0 and QLA only, public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, completing (providing the information), and reviewing the collection of information. You are not required to respond to the collection, or USDA may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden by emailing to: askusda@usda.gov (OMB NO. 0560-0297).

Non-Discrimination Statement: In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

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 Farm Service Agency
 Rural Development
 Natural Resources Conservation Service
 Risk Management Agency
 Agricultural Marketing Service

CUSTOMER DATA WORKSHEET

NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is the Computer Security Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-235), OMB Circular A-123, Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982, and Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The information will be used to document a request by the producer for updating the business partner record. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notices for AMS-3, Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA), USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated), USDA/NRCS-1, Landowner, Operator, Producer, Cooperator, or Participant Files, and USDA/RD-1, Applicant, Borrower, Grantee, or Tenant File. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to request changes within the business partner record.

Public Burden Statement (Paperwork Reduction Act Statement): According to the Paperwork Reduction Act requirement, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0560-0265. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 3 minutes (.05 hours) per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden by emailing to: askusda@usda.gov (Subject: OMB NO. 0560-0265).

The provisions of criminal and civil fraud, privacy and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. **RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.**

PART A CUSTOMER INFORMATION

1. Reason for Request (Check appropriate box(es) below:)

- New Customer Update Existing Customer Record

2A. Customer's Full Name or Business Name and Address
 (Including Zip Code)

2B. Customer Business Type (Example: Individual, Corporation, LLC, Estate, Trust, etc.)

2C. Home Telephone Number (Area Code)

2D. Business Telephone Number (Area Code)

2E. Mobile Telephone Number (Area Code)

2F. Email Address

2G. Does the customer want to receive sensitive (but non-PII) Producer or farm specific related emails?
 YES NO

3A. Taxpayer Identification Number (Complete TIN for new customer or last 4 digits for existing customer) and Type (SSN, EIN, ITN, etc.)

3B. Birthdate (Only required if the customer is a minor)

3C. Citizenship Status: (For Individuals Only)

- U.S. Resident Resident Alien (I-551 Required)
 Not a US Citizen or Resident Alien
 Citizenship country if not US:

3D. Originating Country (For Foreign Entities Only)

Demographic Information

Departmental Regulation 4370-001 provides USDA's policies for collecting demographic data, including race, ethnicity and sex. Providing demographic information is voluntary and at the discretion of the customer. Demographic information is used by USDA for statistical purposes only and will not be used to determine an applicant's eligibility for programs or services for which they apply. You may disregard providing information in items 4A, 4B or 4C if the information has previously been provided to USDA. A customer identified in Item 2A that is a legal entity must base responses to the race, ethnicity and sex on the individual persons holding at least 50 percent ownership interest in the legal entity.

4A. Race/Ethnicity: (Note: Select all that apply.)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Asian
 Black or African American
 Hispanic or Latino
 Middle Eastern or North African
 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 White

4B. Sex (Individual):

- Male
 Female

4C. Sex (Legal Entity)

- Not applicable/unknown
 Organization/Female Owned
 Organization/Male Owned

Date Stamp

Note: See instructions for legal entities

5. Customer has interest in one or more of the following agencies. (Check Appropriate Agency(ies) below:)		
<input type="checkbox"/> AMS <input type="checkbox"/> FSA <input type="checkbox"/> NRCS <input type="checkbox"/> RMA <input type="checkbox"/> RD		
6. Is the Customer a Multi-County Producer? <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "YES," list States and/or Counties below:) <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
7. See form instructions for signature requirements.		
7A. Customer Signature	7B. Title/Relationship	7C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
PART B SERVICE CENTER ACTION		
8A. Agency Who Received Request: (Check one below)	8B. Initials of Employee Receiving Request (If Different than Item 12A)	8C. Date Service Center Employee Received the Request (MM-DD-YYYY)
<input type="checkbox"/> FSA <input type="checkbox"/> NRCS <input type="checkbox"/> RD		
9. How the Request for Change was Received:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Office Visit <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> FAX <input type="checkbox"/> USPS <input type="checkbox"/> Box <input type="checkbox"/> One Span <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify):		
10. COC LAA:		
11. Remarks, if Applicable:		
12A. Signature of Employee Updating Business Partner if not initialed in Item 8B.	12B. Date Service Center Employee Updating Business Partner (MM-DD-YYYY)	

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FarmServiceAgency

**HIGHLY ERODIBLE LAND CONSERVATION (HEL) AND
WETLAND CONSERVATION (WC) CERTIFICATION**

Read attached AD-1026 Appendix before completing form.

PART A – BASIC INFORMATION

1. Name of Producer	2. Tax Identification Number (Last 4 digits)	3. Crop Year
4. Names of affiliated persons with farming interests . Enter "None," if applicable.		
<i>Affiliated persons with farming interests must also file an AD-1026. See Item 7 in the Appendix for a definition of an affiliated person.</i>		
5. Check one of these boxes if the statement applies ; otherwise continue to Part B.		
A. <input type="checkbox"/> The producer in Part A does not have interest in land devoted to agriculture. Examples include bee keepers who place their hives on another person's land, producers of crops grown in greenhouses, and producers of aquaculture AND these producers do not own/lease any agricultural land themselves. Note: Do not check this box if the producer shares in a crop.		
B. <input type="checkbox"/> The producer in Part A meets all three of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • does not participate in any USDA program that is subject to HELC and WC compliance except Federal Crop Insurance. • only has interest in land devoted to agriculture which is exclusively used for perennial crops, except sugarcane, and • has not converted a wetland after February 7, 2014. <p>Perennial crops include, but are not limited to, tree fruit, tree nuts, grapes, olives , native pasture and perennial forage. A producer that produces alfalfa should contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service at the nearest USDA Service Center to determine whether such production qualifies as production of a perennial crop.</p> <p>Note: If either box is checked, and the producer in Part A does not participate in Farm Service Agency (FSA) or Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs, the full tax identification number of the producer must be provided, but establishment of detailed farm records with FSA is not required. Go to Part D and sign and date.</p>		

PART B - HELC/WC COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS

Indicate YES or NO to each question. <i>If you are unsure of whether a HEL determination, wetland determination, or NRCS evaluation has been completed, contact your local USDA Service Center.</i>	YES	NO
6. During the crop year entered in Part A or the term of a requested USDA loan, did or will the producer in Part A plant or produce an agricultural commodity (including sugarcane) on land for which an HEL determination has not been made?		
7. Has anyone performed (since December 23, 1985), or will anyone perform any activities to:		
A. Create new drainage systems, conduct land leveling, filling, dredging, land clearing, or excavation that has NOT been evaluated by NRCS? If "YES", indicate the year(s): _____		
B. Improve or modify an existing drainage system that has NOT been evaluated by NRCS? If "YES", indicate the year(s): _____		
C. Maintain an existing drainage system that has NOT been evaluated by NRCS? If "YES", indicate the year(s): _____ Note: Maintenance is the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of the capacity of existing drainage systems to allow for the continued use of wetlands currently in agricultural production and the continued management of other areas as they were used before December 23, 1985. This allows a person to reconstruct or maintain the capacity of the original system or install a replacement system that is more durable or will realize lower maintenance or costs.		
Note: If "YES" is checked for Item 7A or 7B, then Part C must be completed to authorize NRCS to make an HELC/WC and/or certified wetland determination on the identified land. If "YES" is checked for Item 7C, NRCS does not have to conduct a certified wetland determination.		
8. Check one or both boxes, if applicable; otherwise, continue to Part C or D.		
A. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box only if the producer in Part A has FCIC reinsured crop insurance and filing this form represents the <u>first time</u> the producer in Part A, including any affiliated person, has been subject to HELC and WC provisions.		
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if either of the following applies to the producer and crop year entered in Part A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a tenant on a farm that is/will not be in compliance with HELC and WC provisions because the landlord refuses to allow compliance, but all other farms not associated with that landlord are in compliance. (AD-1026B, Tenant Exemption Request, must be completed). • Is a landlord of a farm that is/will not be in compliance with HELC and WC provisions because of a violation by the tenant on that farm, but all other farms not associated with that tenant are in compliance. (AD-1026C, Landlord or Landowner Exemption Request, must be completed). 		

PART C – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

9. If "YES" was checked in Item 6 or 7, provide the following information for the land to which the answer applies:

A. Farm and/or tract/field number: _____
If unknown, contact the Farm Service Agency at the nearest USDA Service Center.

B. Activity: _____

C. Current land use (specify crops): _____

D. County: _____

PART D – CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

I have received and read the AD-1026 Appendix and understand and agree to the terms and conditions therein on all land in which I (or the producer in Part A if different) and any affiliated person have or will have an interest. I understand that eligibility for certain USDA program benefits is contingent upon this certification of compliance with HELC and WC provisions and I am responsible for any non-compliance. I understand and agree that this certification of compliance is considered continuous and will remain in effect unless revoked or a violation is determined. I further understand and agree that:

- all applicable payments must be refunded if a determination of ineligibility is made for a violation of HELC or WC provisions.
- NRCS may verify whether a HELC violation or WC has occurred.
- a revised Form AD-1026 must be filed if there are any operation changes or activities that may affect compliance with the HELC and WC provisions. I understand that failure to revise Form AD-1026 for such changes may result in ineligibility for certain USDA program benefits or other consequences.
- affiliated persons are also subject to compliance with HELC and WC provisions and their failure to comply or file Form AD-1026 will result in loss of eligibility for applicable benefits to any individuals or entities with whom they are considered affiliated.

Producer's Certification:

I hereby certify that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

10A. Producer's Signature (By)	10B. Title/Relationship (If Signing in Representative Capacity)	10C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
FOR FSA USE ONLY (for referral to NRCS) Sign and date if NRCS determination is needed.	11A. Signature of FSA Representative	11B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)

IMPORTANT: If you are unsure about the applicability of HELC and WC provisions to your land, contact your local USDA Service Center for details concerning the location of any highly erodible land or wetland and any restrictions applying to your land according to NRCS determinations before planting an agricultural commodity or performing any drainage or manipulation. Failure to certify and properly revise your compliance certification when applicable may: (1) affect your eligibility for USDA program benefits, including whether you qualify for reinstatement of benefits through the Good Faith process; and (2) result in other consequences.

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**APPENDIX TO FORM AD-1026
HIGHLY ERODIBLE LAND CONSERVATION (HELIC) AND
WETLAND CONSERVATION (WC) CERTIFICATION**

1. Overview

The following conditions of eligibility are required for a producer to receive any U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) loans or other program benefits that are subject to the highly erodible land conservation (HELIC) and wetland conservation (WC) provisions. Unless an exemption has been granted by USDA, the producer agrees to all of the following on all farms in which the producer, and any affiliated person to the producer (as specified in 7 CFR Part 12), has an interest:

- **NOT** to plant or produce an agricultural commodity on highly erodible land or fields unless being farmed in accordance with a conservation plan or system approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- **NOT** to plant or produce an agricultural commodity on a wetland that was converted after December 23, 1985.
- **NOT** to have converted a wetland after November 28, 1990, for the purpose, or to have the effect, of making the production of an agricultural commodity possible on such converted wetland.
- **NOT** to convert a wetland by draining, dredging, filling, leveling, removing woody vegetation, or any other activity that results in impairing or reducing the flow and circulation of water in a way that would allow the planting of an agricultural commodity.
- **NOT** to use proceeds from any Farm Service Agency farm loan, insured or guaranteed, or any USDA financial assistance program, in such a way that might result in negative impacts to a wetland, except for those projects evaluated and approved by Natural Resources Conservation Service.

2. Statutory and Regulatory Authority

The Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, requires producers participating in most programs administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and the Risk Management Agency (RMA) to comply with HELIC and WC provisions on all land owned or farmed that is considered highly erodible or a wetland unless USDA determines an exemption applies. Producers participating in these programs, and any individual or entity considered to be an affiliated person of a participating producer, are subject to these provisions. The regulations covering these provisions are set forth at 7 CFR Part 12; all such provisions, whether or not explicitly stated herein, shall apply.

3. Explanation of Terms

Agricultural commodity is **any** crop planted and produced by annual tilling of the soil, including tilling by one-trip planters, or sugarcane.

Highly erodible land is any land that has an erodibility index of 8 or more.

Highly erodible fields are fields where either:

- 33.33 percent or more of the total field acreage is identified as soil map units that are highly erodible; or
- 50 or more acres in such field are identified as soil map units that are highly erodible.

Perennial crop is any crop that is planted once and produces crops over multiple years. Go to www.nrcs.usda.gov/compliance for a list of perennial and annual crops.

Wetland is an area that:

- has a predominance of hydric soils (wet soils);
- is inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater (hydrology) at a frequency and duration sufficient to support a prevalence of hydrophytic (water tolerant) vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions; and
- under normal circumstances supports a prevalence of such vegetation, except that this term does not include lands in Alaska identified as having a high potential for agricultural development and a predominance of permafrost soils.

4. NRCS and FSA Determinations

When making HELC and WC compliance determinations:

- NRCS makes technical determinations; these include :
 - For HELC compliance:
 - whether land is considered highly erodible ;
 - establishing conservation plans or systems; and
 - whether highly erodible fields are being farmed in accordance with a conservation plan or system approved by NRCS.
 - For WC compliance:
 - whether land is a wetland and if certain technical exemptions apply , such as prior converted;
 - whether a wetland conversion has occurred.
- FSA's responsibilities include:
 - making eligibility determinations, such as who is ineligible based upon NRCS technical determinations of non-compliance.
 - acting on requests for application of certain eligibility exemptions, such as the good faith relief exemption.
 - maintaining the official USDA records of highly erodible land and wetland determinations. The determinations are recorded both within the geographic information system and the automated farm and tract records maintained by FSA; however, it is important to know that determinations may not include all of a producer's land. If a producer is uncertain of the highly erodible land and wetland determinations applicable to any of the producer's land, the producer should contact the appropriate USDA Service Center for assistance.

5. HELC and WC Non-Compliance - FSA and NRCS Programs

Producers who are not in compliance with HELC and WC provisions are not eligible to receive benefits for most programs administered by FSA and NRCS. If a producer received program benefits and is later found to be non-compliant, the producer may be required to refund all benefits received and/or may be assessed a penalty.

In particular, unless exemptions apply, a producer participating in FSA and NRCS programs must: not plant or produce an agricultural commodity on a highly erodible field unless such production is in compliance with a conservation plan or system approved by NRCS; not have planted or produced an agricultural commodity on a wetland converted after December 23, 1985; and, after November 28, 1990, must not have converted a wetland for the purpose, or to have the effect, of making the production of an agricultural commodity possible on such converted wetland.

A producer who violates HELC or WC provisions is ineligible for applicable FSA and NRCS benefits for the year(s) in violation. A planting violation, whether on highly erodible land or a converted wetland, results in ineligibility for benefits for the year(s) when the planting occurred. A wetland conversion violation results in ineligibility beginning with the year in which the conversion occurred and continuing for subsequent years, unless the converted wetland is restored or mitigated before January 1st of the subsequent year.

6. HELC and WC Non-Compliance - Risk Management Agency - Crop Insurance Policies Reinsured by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

Producers obtaining federally reinsured crop insurance will not be eligible for any premium subsidy paid by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) for any policy or plan of insurance if the producer:

- has not filed a completed Form AD-1026 with FSA certifying compliance with HELC and WC provisions; or
- is not in compliance with HELC and WC provisions.

Unless an exemption applies, a producer must:

- not plant or produce an agricultural commodity on a highly erodible field, unless such production is in compliance with a conservation plan approved by NRCS;
- not plant or produce an agricultural commodity on a wetland converted after February 7, 2014; and
- not have converted a wetland for the purpose, or to have the effect, of making the production of an agricultural commodity possible on such converted wetland after February 7, 2014.

A producer is ineligible for any premium subsidy paid by FCIC on all policies and plans of insurance for the reinsurance year (July 1 – June 30) following the reinsurance year of a final determination of a violation of HELC or WC provisions, including all administrative appeals, unless specific exemptions apply. Further, a producer will be ineligible for any premium subsidy paid by FCIC on all policies and plans of insurance for a reinsurance year if they do not have a completed Form AD-1026 on file with FSA certifying compliance on or before the June 1 prior to the beginning of the subsequent reinsurance year (July 1), unless otherwise exempted. RMA will contact FSA to determine compliance with HELC and WC provisions and the filing of Form AD-1026 prior to the beginning of a reinsurance year, which begins on July 1. If the producer is not in compliance and is not exempt, the producer will be ineligible for premium subsidy for all crops with a sales closing date between the following July 1 through the next June 30.

7. Affiliated Persons

Any affiliated person of a producer requesting benefits subject to HELC and WC provisions must also be in compliance with those provisions. Ineligibility of a producer will also apply to affiliated persons of that producer. If an affiliated person has a farming interest (as owner, operator, or other producer on any farm), the affiliated person must also file Form AD-1026 certifying compliance with HELC and WC provisions in order for the producer requesting benefits to be eligible.

Use this table to determine affiliated persons who must be in compliance with HELC and WC provisions and file Form AD-1026. If you are unsure about an affiliated person determination, please contact FSA at your local USDA Service Center for assistance.

IF the producer requesting benefits is a (an) . . .	THEN affiliated persons with farming interests who must be in compliance with HELC and WC provisions and file Form AD-1026 are. . .
individual	spouses or minor children with separate farming interests, or who receive benefits under their individual ID number.
NOTE: For a minor, parents or guardians shall be listed as affiliated persons .	estates, trusts, partnerships, and joint ventures in which the individual filing, or the individual's spouse or minor children have an interest.
	corporations in which the individual filing or the individual's spouse or minor children have more than 20% interest.
general partnership limited partnership limited liability company joint venture estate irrevocable or revocable trust Indian tribal venture or group	first level members of the entity.
corporation with stockholders	first level shareholders with more than 20% interest in the corporation. Note: First level shareholders of a corporation with 20% interest or less in the corporation are not considered affiliated persons of the corporation.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Signature on Form AD-1026 gives representatives of USDA authorization to enter upon and inspect all farms in which the producer in Part A of Form AD-1026 has an interest for the purpose of confirming HELC and WC compliance.

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CCC-860 (01-11-23)	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation	1A. County FSA Office Name and Address (Including Zip Code) Atlanta FSA 100 Alabama St SW Bldg 1924 Suite 3R95 Atlanta GA 30303	
		1B. Telephone Number (Area Code) 404-439-6792	1C. Program Year 2024

2. Applicant's Name and Address	INSTRUCTIONS: Complete Parts A, B, C D, and/or E as applicable. Read the information relating to false certification in Part F. Return this form to the address in Item 1 above.
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INFORMATION: If a legal entity requests to be considered a "socially disadvantaged," "limited resource," "beginning" or "veteran" farmer or rancher, the entity must meet the definition as provided on Page 2 of this form. Farmer or rancher includes; "owners", "operators" and "other producers".

PART A – CERTIFICATION OF SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMER OR RANCHER

3. I certify that I am a member of a group listed below, whose members have been subject to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities. (Check all that apply apply but note that if only "women" is checked without selecting the other category, the selection does not make the applicant socially disadvantaged for conservation programs).

Women.

American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Asians or Asian Americans, Black or African Americans, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders, Hispanics.

PART B – CERTIFICATION OF LIMITED RESOURCE FARMER OR RANCHER

Limited resource farmer or rancher status can be determined by using a web site available through the Limited Resource Farmer and Rancher Online Self-Determination Tool through Natural Resources Conservation Service at <https://lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/>.

4. I certify that the following statements are true by checking the box:

My/our direct or indirect gross farm sales (as individuals, if applicable for the entity or joint operation) do not exceed the amount identified in the Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher Self-Determination Tool for the 2 calendar years that precede the complete taxable year before the relevant program year (see Table 1 on Page 2 of this form), adjusted upwards in later years for any general inflation.

My/our total household income (as individuals, if applicable for the entity or joint operation) was at or below the national poverty level for a family of four in each of the same 2 previous years (see Table 1 on Page 2 of this form) referenced above.

PART C – CERTIFICATION OF BEGINNING FARMER OR RANCHER

5. I certify that the following statements are true by checking the box and providing the date I began farming:

I (or if applicable, the entity or joint operation) have not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years.

I (or if applicable, the entity or joint operation) substantially participate in the operation.

_____ Date (Month/Year began farming)

PART D – CERTIFICATION OF VETERAN FARMER OR RANCHER

6. I certify that I am a farmer or rancher who has served in the Armed Forces as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(10) and I meet the requirements of at least one of the boxes below: (Check all that apply)

A. I (or if applicable, the entity or joint operation) have not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years and began farming in _____ Date (Month/Year)

B. I (or if applicable, the entity or joint operation) am a veteran (as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) who first obtained status as a veteran during the most recent 10-year period _____ Date (Month/Year)

PART E – NAP COVERAGE OPTION

By submitting a certification under Parts A, B, C, and/or D, you are also certifying that you are eligible for a service fee waiver for catastrophic coverage on eligible crops under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for each program year for which your certification is applicable. Additionally, higher levels of NAP coverage can be purchased with reduced premiums through your local FSA County Office. NAP is subject to 7 CFR Part 1437 and the NAP Basic Provisions, available at: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/noninsured-crop-disaster-assistance/index>

Your signature on this certification is your application for NAP catastrophic coverage, and acknowledgement and receipt of the NAP Basic Provisions, on eligible crops for each program year for which your certification is applicable, unless you opt out of NAP catastrophic coverage for eligible crops in Item 7 below. For more information about NAP, visit your local FSA County office.

7. If you do not want to participate in NAP, enter a check mark in the box provided. I elect to opt out of NAP coverage

PART F – PENALTY FOR FALSE CERTIFICATION

The penalty for false certification is loss of all benefits for the crop year in which the false certification was made.

8A. Applicant's Signature (By)	8B. Title/Relationship of the Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity	8C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
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Definitions:

A. Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher:

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For entities requesting to be considered socially disadvantaged, at least 50% of the interest must be held by socially disadvantaged individuals.

B. Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher:

A limited resource farmer or rancher is a farmer or rancher that meets the criteria for both of the following:

- A producer whose direct or indirect gross farm sales do not exceed the amount identified in the Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher Self-Determination Tool* in each of the 2 calendar years that precede the complete taxable year before the relevant program year, adjusted upwards in later years for any general inflation, and

Program Year	Corresponding Years
2017	2014 and 2015
2018	2015 and 2016
2019	2016 and 2017
2020	2017 and 2018

- A producer whose total household income was at or below the national poverty level for a family of four in each of the same 2 previous years reference in paragraph (1) of this definition.

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For entities requesting to be considered limited resource farmer or rancher, all members must be a limited resource farmer or rancher.

Note: This definition is not applicable to Farm Loan Programs.

C. Beginning Farmer or Rancher:

A beginning farmer or rancher is a person or legal entity for which both of the following are true for the farmer or rancher:

- Has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years, and
- Materially and substantially participates in the operation.

For entities to be considered a beginning farmer or rancher, at least 50% of the interest must be beginning farmers or ranchers.

NOTE: This definition is not inclusive of all Farm Loan Programs requirements.

D. Veteran Farmer or Rancher:

A veteran farmer or rancher is a farmer or rancher who has served in the Armed Forces (as defined in section 101 (10) of title 38) and who —

- Has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years total, or
- Has obtained status as a veteran (as so defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) during the most recent 10-year period.

For entities requesting to be considered a veteran farmer or rancher, at least 50% of the interest must be held by veteran farmers or ranchers.

E. NAP Coverage Option:

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when a low yield, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters. Non-insurable crops are those not insured by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. Eligible crops for NAP are commercially grown for food or fiber (excluding livestock and their by-products), commodities, and industrial crops for which crop insurance, excluding pilot coverage, is not available.

Catastrophic coverage is equal to 50 percent of your expected yield and 55 percent of the expected price for the eligible crop (referred to as Basic 50/55). You are not required to pay a fee or a premium for this level of coverage. Additional coverage options and higher levels of coverage are available with a premium. To avail yourself to these options, you must timely file CCC-471 (NAP Application for Coverage) in any FSA County office.

For additional information regarding NAP, visit FSA's NAP page at:

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/noninsured-crop-disaster-assistance/index>