

FSA-2004 (Proposal 2)	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency	Position X
AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION		

I have applied for a loan or servicing assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA). As part of considering my request, FSA may verify information contained in my application and in other documents required in connection with the request.

I authorize you to provide to FSA for verification purposes the following applicable information:

- (1) Employment or income records.
- (2) Bank accounts, stock holdings, and any other assets.
- (3) Other credit references.
- (4) Debt and collateral information.

I further authorize FSA to order a credit report and verify any other credit information.

I understand that under the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, 12 U.S.C. 3401, et seq., FSA is authorized to access my financial records held by financial institutions in connection with the consideration or administration of assistance to me. **I also understand that financial records involving my loan and loan application will be available to FSA without further notice or authorization, but will not be disclosed or released by FSA to another Government agency or department or used for another purpose without my consent except as required by law.**

Question for OGC: should it be ", but will not be disclosed or released by the financial institution to another Government agency" instead of ", but will not be disclosed or released by FSA to another Government agency"?

The information FSA obtains is only to be used to process my request for a loan or servicing assistance. A copy or facsimile of this authorization may be accepted as an original.

Your prompt reply is appreciated.

(5A) Name	(5B) Signature	(5C) Date
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