

<p>CCC-860 (04-02-14)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED, LIMITED RESOURCE AND BEGINNING FARMER OR RANCHER CERTIFICATION</p>	<p>1A. County FSA Office Name and Address (Including Zip Code)</p>
	<p>1B. Telephone No. (Area Code)</p> <p>1C. Program Year</p>

<p>2. Applicant's Name and Address</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>INSTRUCTIONS:</p> <p>Complete Parts A, B and/or C as applicable. Read the information relating to false certification below Part D. Return this form to the address in Item 1 above.</p>
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INFORMATION: If a legal entity requests to be considered a "socially disadvantaged", "limited resource", or "beginning" 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 the following is true by checking the box below:

I am a member (or if applicable, members) 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.

PART B – CERTIFICATION OF LIMITED RESOURCE FARMER OR RANCHER

4. I certify that the following statements are true by checking the appropriate boxes below:

My/our direct or indirect gross farm sales do not exceed the amount in Table 1 on page 2 of this form 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:

My/our total household income was at or below the national poverty level for a family of four in each of the same 2 previous years referenced in paragraph (1) of this definition.

Note: A 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 National Resource and Conservation Service at <http://www.lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/>.

PART C – CERTIFICATION OF BEGINNING FARMER OR RANCHER

5. I certify that the following statements are true by checking the appropriate boxes below:

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

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

C. I (or if applicable, the entity or joint operation) began farming in _____ .
Date (Month/Year)

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.

<p>6A. Applicant's Signature (By)</p>	<p>6B. Title/Relationship of the Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity</p>	<p>6C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)</p>
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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 limited resource CCC producer, or qualifies as a beginning 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.

This information collection is exempted from the Paperwork Reduction Act as specified in the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-79, Title I, Subtitle F, Administration). 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.**

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 legal entities requesting to be considered Socially Disadvantaged, the majority 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 in Table 1 below 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	Amount
2012	2009 and 2010	\$163,200
2013	2010 and 2011	\$172,800
2014	2011 and 2012	\$176,800
2015 and subsequent years		See http://www.lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov 1/

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- 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 National Resource and Conservation Service at <http://www.lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/>.

For legal entities requesting to be considered Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher, the sum of gross sales and household income must be considered for all members.

Note: This definition is not applicable to FLP.

C. Beginning Farmer or Rancher:

A beginning farmer or rancher is an individual or entity for which both of the following are true;

- The farmer or rancher, entity or joint operation has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years.
- The farmer or rancher materially and substantially participates in the operation.

For legal entities to be considered a Beginning Farmer or Rancher, all members are related by blood or marriage; and all the members are beginning farmers or ranchers.

Note: This definition is not inclusive of all FLP requirements.

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