

# What you need to know to get started

## Eligibility and your Land

2008 Food, Conservation and Energy Act **Helping People Help the Land**  
 An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

### Getting Started with USDA Programs

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

First Questions: Have you registered your farm with FSA

**Yes**

**No**

Existing USDA Client

Not an existing USDA Client

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

Visit County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Office

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

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

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

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

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

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

Farmer: FSA assigns you a Farm and Tract Number

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

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NRCS & FSA  
processes application for  
agency specific  
programs

