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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Commodity Credit Corporation

SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED, LIMITED RESOURCE, BEGINNING AND VETERAN FARMER OR RANCHER CERTIFICATION

1A. County FSA Office Name and Address *(Including Zip Code)*

1B. Telephone No. *(Area Code)*

1C. Program Year

2. Applicant's Name and Address

INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete Parts A, B, C and/or D as applicable. Read the information relating to false certification in Part E. Return this form to the address in Item 1 above.

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 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 National Resource and 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 – 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.

7A. Applicant's Signature *(By)*	7B. Title/Relationship of the Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity	7C. Date *(MM-DD-YYYY)*

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 rancheris 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

Table 1: Direct and Indirect Gross Sales	
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 National Resource and 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.

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*

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