



Farm  
Production and  
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Farm  
Service  
Agency

*(Borrower Name and Address)*

Stop 0520  
1400  
Independence  
Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC  
20250-0520

Dear Borrower,

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On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was signed into law by President Joseph R. Biden. Section 1005 of ARPA includes provisions for paying up to 120 percent of Farm Service Agency (FSA) direct and guaranteed loan balances outstanding as of January 1, 2021. To receive assistance under Section 1005, a borrower must belong to a socially disadvantaged group as defined in section 2501(a) of the Food, Agriculture Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279(a)). This definition includes borrowers who are American Indian, Alaskan Native, Asian, Black, African American, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander by race and/or Hispanic or Latino by ethnicity as noted in FSA records.

To receive payments, a socially disadvantaged borrower's FSA loans must have had an outstanding loan indebtedness on January 1, 2021. Loans that can be paid with Section 1005 funds include Farm Storage Facility Loans, and certain Farm Loan Program (FLP) direct and guaranteed loans. Eligible FLP loan types include Farm Ownership, Operating (including Youth and Microloans), Emergency, Conservation, and Soil and Water. FLP loan types are typically identified in the Promissory Note.

FSA records indicate that you have not designated details about your demographic information, including your race and ethnicity data. Section 1005 provides benefits specifically for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. We encourage you to contact your local FSA Service Center to voluntarily update your demographic information in FSA records. If needed, FSA staff can assist you in completing or updating your customer profile.

**If you are in bankruptcy or have been discharged of debt, this informational notice is not an attempt to collect or recover the discharged debt.**

We hope that you find this information helpful and we encourage you to visit [www.farmers.gov/AmericanRescuePlan](http://www.farmers.gov/AmericanRescuePlan) for additional information such as Frequently Asked Questions, a centralized call center phone number to reach FSA employees who can assist with general questions, and other background information about ARPA loan payments that may be helpful.

Sincerely,

Zach Ducheneaux,  
Administrator  
Farm Service Agency