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Section (b) Definitions

(3) “Farmers and Ranchers subject to discrimination or bias prior to January 1, 2021”

The term “Farmers and Ranchers subject to discrimination or bias prior to January 1, 2021” means a farmer, rancher or owner or operator of nonindustrial private forestland or the descendants thereof, who is a person subject to discrimination or bias prior to January 1, 2021 and can document the past discrimination or bias by (1) filed a discrimination complaint with USDA, or (2) has been eligible for a federal court certified class based on discrimination, or (3) was subject to treatment, including lack of services, loan denials, delays such as late approvals or funds provided too late, not refinanced, or unfavorable loan terms such as high interest rates or fees, supervised by loan manager, payment due prior to farm output, and/or severe reduction in requested loan amounts that resulted in disadvantageous and/or adverse circumstances compared to other farmers and ranchers.*