

**BEGINNING FARMER OR RANCHER
SELF-CERTIFICATION**

Operator/Farm Name: _____

County: _____ Tax Map Key(s): _____

FSA Farm and Tract Number(s): _____

I certify that I am an individual, entity, or joint operation which qualifies as a Beginning Farmer/Rancher. **I am attaching the following documentation to support my claim:**

_____ * One IRS 1040 within the last 10 years (2000 – 2009) which shows I did not file Schedule F.

OR:

_____ A letter from a certified public accountant or attorney certifying that I meet the eligibility requirements of no involvement in agricultural production from the last 10 years.

NOTE: Documents will be destroyed once information is verified by an NRCS employee and documented in the official Conservation Plan folder.

I understand it is my responsibility to provide NRCS with all records necessary to verify this Beginning Farmer or Rancher Certification. I also understand it is my responsibility to provide accurate and complete information and providing false information may subject me to criminal and/or civil penalties. I further understand NRCS has the final decision regarding Beginning Farmer or Rancher Certification requirements.

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand, or had explained to me, all requirements referenced within this document.

Print Applicant Name

Applicant Signature

Date

Documentation verifying eligibility was reviewed by:

NRCS Employee Name

NRCS Employee Signature

Date