

What does that stand for?

Commonly Used Acronyms with Links

USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
RD	USDA Rural Development
FSA	USDA Farm Services Agency
FNS	USDA Food and Nutrition Service
FSIS	USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service
FS	USDA Forest Service
NRCS	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
FBNP	USDA Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships

Federal Partner Agencies and Organizations

ARC	Appalachian Regional Commission
DRA	Delta Regional Authority
HUD	Department of Housing and Urban Development
SBA	Small Business Administration
TVA	Tennessee Valley Authority

Other terms you may encounter

CPAP	Community Loan Application Processing System
GLS	Guaranteed Loan System
GUS	Guaranteed Underwriting System (for lenders)
LTV	Loan to Value ratio (loan amount/asset value)
MFIS	Multi Family Information System
PITI	Principal, Interest, Taxes & Insurance on a mortgage
Prequal	Loan prequalification worksheet

State Agencies & Offices in Tennessee

TDA	Tennessee Department of Agriculture
TDEC	Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
TDTD	Tennessee Department of Tourist Development
TECD	Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer, at the Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation

State & Regional Development and Planning Organizations in Tennessee

HRA	Human Resource Agency – There are 8 regional HRAs in Tennessee.
LMT	Leadership Middle Tennessee
LUC	Leadership Upper Cumberland
TAUD	Tennessee Association of Utility Districts
TDDA	Tennessee Development District Association – there are 9 development districts in Tennessee
WestStar	University of Tennessee, Martin regional leadership organization for West Tennessee

USDA Rural Development Programs

CF	Community Facilities Program
RBS	Rural Business Service
B&I	Business and Industry Loan Guarantee program
IRP	Intermediary Relending Program
RBEG	Rural Business Enterprise Grants
RBOG	Rural Business Opportunity Grants
RCDI	Rural cooperative Development Initiative
REDLG	Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants (often pronounced <i>Red Leg</i>)
REAP	Rural Energy for America Program
VAPG	Value Added Producer Grants
RUS	Rural Utility Service
DLT	Distance Learning and Telemedicine
Electric	Rural Electric Service
Telecom	Rural Telecommunications Service (includes broadband)
WEP	Water and Environmental Programs
RHS	Rural Housing Service
FLH	Farm Labor Housing loans and grants
GRH	Guaranteed Rural Housing Programs - Single Family Housing Loan Guarantees
GRRH	Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Loans
HPG	Housing Preservation Grant
MFH	Multi-family Housing Programs
SFH	Single Family Housing Direct Loan and grant Programs (also called <i>502</i> and <i>504</i>)

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