

2009 VAPG PROGRAM

Guidance for NOSA Definitions

The 2009 VAPG NOSA published on May 6, 2009 contained several new definitions which have not been included in previous NOSA's.

This document is provided to assist applicants in determining if they meet the definition from the applicable United States Code or Federal Register citations, as referenced in the NOSA. The following definition is in accordance with a May 28, 2009 Un-numbered Letter, Guidance on the Definition of Beginning Farmer or Rancher.

BEGINNING FARMER OR RANCHER – An entity in which all owners:

- a. Have operated a farm or a ranch for not more than 10 years;
- b. Materially and substantially participate in the operation of a farm or a ranch;
- c. Provide substantial day-to-day labor and management of a farm or a ranch.