

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.

FAMILY FARM (7 CFR 761.2)

Family farm is a farm that:

(1) Produces agricultural commodities for sale in sufficient quantities so that it is recognized as a farm rather than a rural residence;

(2) Has both physical labor and management provided as follows:

(i) The majority of day-to-day, operational decisions, and all strategic management decisions are made by:

(A) The borrower and persons who are either related to the borrower by blood or marriage, or are a relative, for an individual borrower; or

(B) The members responsible for operating the farm, in the case of an entity.

(ii) A substantial amount of labor to operate the farm is provided by:

(A) The borrower and persons who are either related to the borrower by blood or marriage, or are a relative, for an individual borrower; or

(B) The members responsible for operating the farm, in the case of an entity.

(3) May use full-time hired labor in amounts only to supplement family labor.

(4) May use reasonable amounts of temporary labor for seasonal peak workload periods or intermittently for labor intensive activities.