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**National Association of Credit Specialists**  
of the  
**USDA – Farm Service Agency**  
Farm Program Committee

**THE FARM PROGRAM COMMITTEE MET AT THE HOLIDAY INN COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA IN KANSAS CITY, MO, ON JUNE 26-28, 2017 TO REVIEW RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP.**

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION:**

**Resolution 1 (Loan Making)**

**CONCERN:**

An applicant can receive an FSFL if they have received debt forgiveness from FSA (FLP or FP).

**PROPOSED SOLUTION:**

Change the handbook so that anyone who has received debt forgiveness from FSA (FLP or FP) is not eligible for an FSFL.

**Resolution 2 (Loan Servicing)**

**CONCERN:**

Taking a cash payment in the County Office presents many difficulties in converting the cash to a money order or cashier's check. There is no way to check for counterfeit money, the financial institution requires employee personal information to obtain a cashier's check, and the employee must have an account with that institution. The main issue is that there are limits in regards to the amount of cash which is able to be converted into a money order or cashiers' check. The form FSA-2139A may exempt them from a CTR "Currency Transaction Report", but it will NOT exempt them from cash purchase of a monetary instrument log. Form FSA-2139 does not appear to provide any relief from providing any personal information or having an account with the institution.

**PROPOSED SOLUTION:**

We need to have the resources to detect counterfeit money. The FSA-2139 needs to be adjusted to provide coverage to match the bank requirements for employee exemption from providing personal information.

**Resolution 3 (Technical Change)**

**CONCERN:**

The website <https://www.lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov> noted on the form CCC-860 "Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource and Beginning Farmer or Rancher Certification" which is used to determine limited resource farmer or rancher status is not correct.

**PROPOSED SOLUTION:**

Submit this correction for update the CCC-860 with the correct website address: <https://lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/> through the proper channels.

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR NON-ADOPTION:**

**Resolution 4 (Loan Making)**

**CONCERN:**

FLP does the majority of the work related to FSFL but receives no workload credit. It is frustrating seeing the number of loans being made as we have an office making over 200 FLP loans a year and receiving over 30 FSFL applications with an FLP staff of 5 or 6 employees covering at least 3 counties. FP has the same number of employees and covers 1 county.

**SOLUTION:**

Provide workload credit to the FLP staff for the number of FLP and FSFL loans processed in any given year when looking at staffing levels.

**REASON FOR NON-ADOPT:**

This is a non-issue for the National Office, as they use the ARS data to determine workload. If FSA FLP personnel are properly coding their T&A, then the office is receiving the correct time and workload regarding FSFL loans.

Respectfully submitted by the 2016/2017, Farm Program Committee:

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