Loan Assistance Tool
Quick Start Guide

Do You Need Funds to Start or Expand Your Farm Business?

The FSA Online Loan Application (OLA) tool allows applicants requesting Direct Loan assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Farm Service Agency (FSA) the ability to access a secure online portal where they can complete their loan application, upload supporting documents, pay the required credit report fee, and submit the application for processing.

What is the Loan Assistance Tool?

The Loan Assistance Tool is an online interactive tool that informs applicants about FSA loan options and the application process. In addition, the tool allows applicants to explore their eligibility for FSA loans, identify the right loan that fits their farm needs, download comprehensive checklists with documentation requirements, and easily complete FSA forms with step-by-step instructions. The Loan Assistance tool can be accessed by anyone using an internet browser on a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Interactive Design

The Loan Assistance Tool was designed with the loan applicant in mind, streamlining the loan application process into the following simple steps:

Determine Your Eligibility for FSA Loans
The Farm Loan Quiz guides you through a series of basic questions to see if you qualify for FSA loans.

Learn about FSA Loan Options
The Explore Loans Page gives you insight into FSA loan types, approved purposes, terms, and loan amounts.

Select the Right FSA Loans for You
The Farm Loan Quiz also guides you through a series of questions to help you find the right loan for your unique situation.

Download Loan-Specific Checklists
After finding a loan that's right for you, use the checklist to ensure you collect all the documentation necessary to apply.

Get Help Completing the Loan Forms
The Form Support Module explains each field in plain language, so you can complete loan applications accurately and submit them with confidence.

Accessing the Loan Assistance Tool

Scan the QR Code on the right to access the Loan Assistance Tool from your smartphone or visit **lat.fpac.usda.gov**.