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Tree Assistance Program (2005-2007) (TAP)**

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# 1 Purpose of Document

USDA DM 3515-002 states: “Agencies are responsible for initiating the PIA in the early stages of the development of a system and to ensure that the PIA is completed as part of the required System Life Cycle (SLC) reviews. Systems include data from applications housed on mainframes, personal computers, and applications developed for the Web and agency databases. Privacy must be considered when requirements are being analyzed and decisions are being made about data usage and system design. This applies to all of the development methodologies and system life cycles used in USDA.

Both the system owners and system developers must work together to complete the PIA. System owners must address what data are used, how the data are used, and who will use the data. System owners also need to address the privacy implications that result from the use of new technologies (e.g., caller identification). The system developers must address whether the implementation of the owner’s requirements presents any threats to privacy.”

The Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) document contains information on how the **NDR-Tree Assistance Program (2005-2007) (TAP)** affects the privacy of its users and the information stored within. This assessment is in accordance with NIST SP 800-37 *Guide for the Security Certification and Accreditation of Federal Information Systems*.

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## 2 System Information

### System Information

System Information	
Agency:	Farm Service Agency
System Name:	NDR-Tree Assistance Program (2005-2007) (TAP)
System Type:	Major Application General Support System Non-major Application
System Categorization (per FIPS 199):	High Moderate Low
Description of System:	This program provides financial assistance to qualifying orchard growers to replace eligible trees, bushes, and vines damaged by natural disasters. Pub. L. 107-171, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, authorizes TAP. This program also assists eligible producers who suffered tree losses because of eligible hurricanes in counties that received a Presidential disaster declaration or Secretarial disaster designation as a primary or contiguous county because of one of the hurricanes mentioned below. The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, The Global War on Terror and The Hurricane Recovery 2006 (Pub. L. 109-234) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to provide assistance to producers and livestock owners who suffered losses because of the 2005 Hurricanes Dennis, Katrina, Ophelia, Rita, and Wilma.
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## 3 Data Information

### 3.1 Data Collection

No.	Question	Response
1	Generally describe the data to be used in the system.	Name, address, TIN/SSN, crop/livestock production/loss information, ID, ID type, entity type, name, any associated producer's information are used as identifying information.
2	Does the system collect Social Security Numbers (SSNs) or Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TINs)?	Yes No – If NO, go to question 3.
2.1	State the law or regulation that requires the collection of this information.	The Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.) and Executive Order 9397.
3	Is the use of the data both relevant and necessary to the purpose for which the system is being designed? In other words, the data is absolutely needed and has significant and demonstrable bearing on the system's purpose as required by statute or by Executive order of the President.	Yes s No
4	Sources of the data in the system.	Producer's, Customer Farm records and Farm Service Agency compliance and payment program guidance, Farm records and subsidiary files, information provided by customers, SCIMS.

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No.	Question	Response
4.1	What data is being collected from the customer?	A producer's/customer's tax ID, ID type, entity type, and any associated producers information is used as key data in these systems. Customer's name or tax ID, crop, commodity, livestock information, production loss information, crop data, etc.
4.2	What USDA agencies are providing data for use in the system?	Risk Management Agency (RMA), Farm Service Agency (FSA)
4.3	What state and local agencies are providing data for use in the system?	State and County Service Centers
4.4	From what other third party sources is data being collected?	Risk Management Agency (RMA)
5	Will data be collected from sources outside your agency? For example, customers, USDA sources (i.e., NFC, RD, etc.) or Non-USDA sources.	Yes  No – If NO, go to question 6.
5.1	How will the data collected from customers be verified for accuracy, relevance, timeliness, and completeness?	Data collected from the customer is required by policy to be reviewed for accuracy, relevancy, timeliness, and completeness upon initial entry into the system and then again when any required updates are made.
5.2	How will the data collected from USDA sources be verified for accuracy, relevance, timeliness, and completeness?	Data collected from USDA sources is required by policy to be reviewed for accuracy, relevancy, timeliness, and completeness upon initial entry into the system and then again when any required updates are made.
5.3	How will the data collected from non-USDA sources be verified for accuracy, relevance, timeliness, and completeness?	Data collected from non-USDA sources is required by policy to be reviewed for accuracy, relevancy, timeliness, and completeness upon initial entry into the system and then again when any required updates are made.

### 3.2 Data Use

No.	Question	Response
6	Individuals must be informed in writing of the principal purpose of the information being collected from them. What is the principal purpose of the data being collected?	Information is used to process eligible payments for individuals.
7	Will the data be used for any other purpose?	Yes  No – If NO, go to question 8.

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No.	Question	Response
7.1	What are the other purposes?	N/A
8	Is the use of the data both relevant and necessary to the purpose for which the system is being designed? In other words, the data is absolutely needed and has significant and demonstrable bearing on the system's purpose as required by statute or by Executive order of the President	Yes No
9	Will the system derive new data or create previously unavailable data about an individual through aggregation from the information collected (i.e., aggregating farm loans by zip codes in which only one farm exists.)?	Yes No – If NO, go to question 10.
9.1	Will the new data be placed in the individual's record (customer or employee)?	Yes No
9.2	Can the system make determinations about customers or employees that would not be possible without the new data?	Yes No
9.3	How will the new data be verified for relevance and accuracy?	New data is verified for relevance and accuracy by the customer and employee upon entry of the data into the system.
10	Individuals must be informed in writing of the routine uses of the information being collected from them. What are the intended routine uses of the data being collected?	Information is used to process eligible payments for individuals.
11	Will the data be used for any other uses (routine or otherwise)?	Yes No – If NO, go to question 12.
11.1	What are the other uses?	N/A
12	Automation of systems can lead to the consolidation of data – bringing data from multiple sources into one central location/system – and consolidation of administrative controls. When administrative controls are consolidated, they should be evaluated so that all necessary privacy controls remain in place to the degree necessary to continue to control access to and use of the data. Is data being consolidated?	Yes No – If NO, go to question 13.
12.1	What controls are in place to protect the data and prevent unauthorized access?	Data is internal to FSA employees. Security forms and eAuth/EAS privileges restrict unauthorized access to these systems/databases.

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No.	Question	Response
13	Are processes being consolidated?	Yes No – If NO, go to question 14.
13.1	What controls are in place to protect the data and prevent unauthorized access?	None

### 3.3 Data Retention

No.	Question	Response
14	Is the data periodically purged from the system?	Yes No – If NO, go to question 15.
14.1	How long is the data retained whether it is on paper, electronic, in the system or in a backup?	Data is retained indefinitely. However, if data needs to be purged, possibly due to space limitations on the System/36, PECD makes that determination.
14.2	What are the procedures for purging the data at the end of the retention period?	PECD determines when and if data can or should be eliminated from our systems/databases. System/36 county data is consolidated thru CFU uploads and stored on the mainframe prior to purging data files from the county systems.
14.3	Where are these procedures documented?	Yes
15	While the data is retained in the system, what are the requirements for determining if the data is still sufficiently accurate, relevant, timely, and complete to ensure fairness in making determinations?	Fairness in making determinations is assured because policy requires that the information be reviewed for accuracy, relevancy, timeliness, and completeness upon initial entry into the system and then again when any required updates are made.
16	Is the data retained in the system the minimum necessary for the proper performance of a documented agency function?	Yes No

### 3.4 Data Sharing

No.	Question	Response
17	Will other agencies share data or have access to data in this system (i.e., international, federal, state, local, other, etc.)?	Yes No – If NO, go to question 18.
17.1	How will the data be used by the other agency?	N/A
17.2	Who is responsible for assuring the other agency properly uses the data?	N/A

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No.	Question	Response
18	Is the data transmitted to another agency or an independent site?	Yes No – If NO, go to question 19.
18.1	Is there appropriate agreement in place to document the interconnection and ensure the PII and/or Privacy Act data is appropriately protected?	N/A
19	Is the system operated in more than one site?	Yes No – If NO, go to question 20.
19.1	How will consistent use of the system and data be maintained in all sites?	Administrative controls and procedures are established to maintain consistent system use.

### 3.5 Data Access

No.	Question	Response
20	Who will have access to the data in the system (i.e., users, managers, system administrators, developers, etc.)?	County, State, and National Office FSA users, as well as developers, testing, and help desk employees have access to the data in the system.
21	How will user access to the data be determined?	Access must be requested through FSA- 1 3A security forms with justification. Following standard agency procedures, job function and role are key factors in the granting access. Once approved, access is restricted by user ID and password.
21.1	Are criteria, procedures, controls, and responsibilities regarding user access documented?	Ye s N
22	How will user access to the data be restricted?	By system security which requires that access be restricted by user ID and password.
22.1	Are procedures in place to detect or deter browsing or unauthorized user access?	Ye s
23	Does the system employ security controls to make information unusable to unauthorized individuals (i.e., encryption, strong authentication procedures, etc.)?	Ye s N o

### 3.6 Customer Protection

Question	Response
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No.	Question	Response
24	Who will be responsible for protecting the privacy rights of the customers and employees affected by the interface (i.e., office, person, departmental position, etc.)?	Production Adjustment and Risk Management Office and USDA Privacy Office.
25	How can customers and employees contact the office or person responsible for protecting their privacy rights?	FSA National Help Desk at (800)-255-2434 or the Centralized Help Desk at 800-457-3642 or By contacting John W. Underwood, Privacy Officer, at FSA Privacy Act Officer / FSA PII Officer USDA - Farm Service Agency Beacon Facility - Mail Stop 8388 9240 Troost Avenue Kansas City, Missouri 6413 1-3055 Phone: 816-926-6992 Cell: 816-564-8950 Fax: 816-448-5833 <a href="mailto:john.underwood@kcc.usda.gov">mailto:john.underwood@kcc.usda.gov</a>
26	A “breach” refers to a situation where data and/or information assets are unduly exposed. Is a breach notification policy in place for this system?	Yes – If YES, go to question 27. No
26.1	If NO, please enter the Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) number with the estimated completion date.	N/A
27	Consider the following: Consolidation and linkage of files and systems Derivation of data Accelerated information processing and decision making Use of new technologies Is there a potential to deprive a customer of due process rights (fundamental rules of fairness)?	Yes No – If NO, go to question 28.
27.1	Explain how this will be mitigated?	N/A
28	How will the system and its use ensure equitable treatment of customers?	FSA guidelines for fair and equitable treatment already exist. Automated consideration or uniform calculations of all available options.
29	Is there any possibility of treating customers or employees differently based upon their individual or group characteristics?	Yes No – If NO, go to question 30
29.1	Explain	N/A

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## 4 System of Record

No.	Question	Response
30	Can the data be retrieved by a personal identifier? In other words, does the system actually retrieve data by the name of an individual or by some other unique number, symbol, or identifying attribute of the individual?	Yes No – If NO, go to question 31
30.1	How will the data be retrieved? In other words, what is the identifying attribute (i.e., employee number, social security number, etc.)?	Producer Name, TIN/SSN, crop, and livestock information.
30.2	Under which Systems of Record (SOR) notice does the system operate? Provide number, name and publication date. (SORs can be viewed at <a href="http://www.access.GPO.gov">www.access.GPO.gov</a> .)	USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated).
30.3	If the system is being modified, will the SOR require amendment or revision?	Yes



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## 5 Technology

No.	Question	Response
31	Is the system using technologies in ways not previously employed by the agency (e.g., Caller-ID)?	Yes No – If NO, the questionnaire is complete.
31.1	How does the use of this technology affect customer privacy?	N/A

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## **6 Completion Instructions**

Upon completion of this Privacy Impact Assessment for this system, the answer to OMB A-1 1, Planning, Budgeting, Acquisition and Management of Capital Assets, Part 7, Section E, Question 8cis:

**1.Yes.**

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