

Farm Bill 2018
Veteran Farmer or Rancher Determination Matrix For
Historically Underserved Payment Rate and Veteran Preference

Definition:

The term "Veteran Farmer or Rancher" means a producer who served in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard, including the reserve components thereof; was released from the service under conditions other than dishonorable; and--

- 1) has not operated a farm or ranch, or has operated a farm or ranch for not more than 10 years, **or**
- 2) who first obtained status as a veteran during the most recent 10-year period.

Requirements:

- 1) The applicant must be a veteran that was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.
- 2) A legal entity or joint operation may be considered VFR only if all the individual members independently qualify as VFR.

Most Recent 10 Year Period - The term *most recent 10-year period* is 10 years from the date of discharge through the last day of the fiscal year in which obligation occurs, not to exceed 10 years and 364 days from discharge.

HU Payment Rate and Veteran Preference Matrix Determination Table					
(A) If Veteran Status was Obtained...	(B) And Certifies as Beginning F/R	(C) And Certifies as Socially Disadvantaged F/R	(D) * Then HU Payment Rate Applies	(E) * And Veteran Preference Applies	(F) Check ProTracts Veteran Box
During the most recent 10-year period prior to the fiscal year of obligation	Yes	No	Yes	Yes **	Yes
	No	Yes	Yes	Yes **	Yes
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes **	Yes
	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
OR					
More than 10 years prior to the fiscal year of obligation	Yes	No	Yes	Yes **	Yes
	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes **	Yes
	No	No	No	No	No

Note:

- 1) * Review each FA program for applicability of HU payment rates and Veteran Preference.
- 2) ** Veteran Preference is available only when self-certified as BFR or SDA and in the BFR or SDA fund pool.
- 3) All applications receiving veteran preference must be ranked and considered for funding selection.
- 4) VFR is self-certified at time of application, and subject to 5% administrative review (512.55 D. Annual Administrative Review of Certifications).

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Program Obligation Fiscal Year	Discharge falling within this timeframe qualifies for "most recent 10 year period"
2019	10/01/2008 - 09/30/2019
2020	10/01/2009 - 09/30/2020
2021	10/01/2010 - 09/30/2021
2022	10/01/2011 - 09/30/2022
2023	10/01/2012 - 09/30/2023