§ 761.205 Computing the formula allocation.

(a) The formula allocation for FO, CL, or OL loan funds is equal to:

\[
\text{formula allocation} = (\text{amount available for allocation} \times \text{State Factor})
\]

(b) To calculate the State Factor, the Agency:

(1) Uses the following criteria, data sources, and weights:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Criteria</th>
<th>Loan type criterion is used for</th>
<th>Data source</th>
<th>Weight for FO loans (percent)</th>
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<td>Farm operators with sales of $2,500–$39,999 and less than 200 days work off the farm.</td>
<td>FO, CL, and OL loans</td>
<td>U.S. Census of Agriculture</td>
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<td>Farm operators with sales of $40,000 or more and less than 200 days work off farm.</td>
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<td>Tenant farm operators</td>
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<td>3-year average net farm income</td>
<td>FO, CL, and OL loans</td>
<td>USDA Economic Research Service</td>
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<td>Value of farm real estate assets</td>
<td>FOs and CLs</td>
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<td>Value of farm non-real estate assets</td>
<td>OL loans</td>
<td>USDA Economic Research Service</td>
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(2) Determines each State’s percentage of the national total for each criterion;

(3) Multiplies the percentage for each State determined in paragraph (b)(2) of this section by the applicable weight for that criterion;

(4) Sums the weighted criteria for each State to obtain the State factor.

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§ 761.206 Pooling of unobligated funds allocated to State Offices.

The Agency periodically pools unobligated FO, CL, and OL loan funds that have been allocated to State Offices. When pooling these funds, the Agency places all unobligated funds in the appropriate National Office reserve. The pooled funds may be retained in the national reserve or reallocated to the States.

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§ 761.207 Distribution of loan funds by State Offices.

A State Office may distribute its allocation of loan funds to District or County level using the same allocation methods that are available to the National Office. State Offices may reserve a portion of the funds to meet unexpected or justifiable program needs during the fiscal year.

§ 761.208 Target participation rates for socially disadvantaged groups.

(a) General. (1) The Agency establishes target participation rates for providing FO, CL, and OL loans to members of socially disadvantaged groups.

(2) The Agency sets the target participation rates for State and County levels annually.

(3) When distributing loan funds in counties within Indian reservations, the Agency will allocate the funds on a reservation-wide basis.

(4) The Agency reserves and allocates sufficient loan funds to achieve these

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§ 761.209 Loan funds for beginning farmers.

Each fiscal year, the Agency reserves a portion of direct and guaranteed FO and OL loan funds for beginning farmers in accordance with section 346(b)(2) of the Act.

§ 761.210 CL funds.

(a) The following applicants and conservation projects will receive priority for CL funding:

(1) Beginning farmer or socially disadvantaged farmer,

(2) An applicant who will use the loan funds to convert to a sustainable or organic agriculture production system as evidenced by one of the following:

(i) A conservation plan that states the applicant is moving toward a sustainable or organic production system, or

(ii) An organic plan, approved by a certified agent and the State organic certification program, or

(iii) A grant awarded by the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

(3) An applicant who will use the loan funds to build conservation structures or establish conservation practices to comply with 16 U.S.C. 3812 (section 1212 of the Food Security Act of 1985) for highly erodible land.

(b) [Reserved]

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§ 761.211 Transfer of funds.

If sufficient unsubsidized guaranteed OL funds are available, then beginning on:

(a) August 1 of each fiscal year, the Agency will use available unsubsidized guaranteed OL loan funds to make approved direct FO loans to beginning farmers and socially disadvantaged farmers under the Downpayment loan program; and

(b) September 1 of each fiscal year the Agency will use available unsubsidized guaranteed OL loan funds to make approved direct FO loans to beginning farmers.