

USDA Nondiscrimination Statement Revision Notice

Background:

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service recently updated its [Civil Rights webpage](#) resulting in changes to the internal hyperlinks within the Nondiscrimination Statement (NDS) as well as the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form. As a result, the full NDS must be updated to reflect the correct website hyperlinks. No other changes have been made to the NDS. Please update your electronic versions to the NDS with the English and/or Spanish versions provided on the following pages no later than **January 31, 2021**. Any printed materials that include the full NDS should be updated prior to the next revision or scheduled printing. TDA is in the process of updating its program guidance, including Handbooks and Forms, to reflect this change.

Note: If your electronic version of the NDS hyperlinks the phrase "[How to File a Program Complaint](#)" rather than spelling out the URL (as below), this link must be checked to ensure that it directs readers to the updated background URL: <https://www.usda.gov/oascr/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint>. For an example, [see the NDS as posted on USDA's webpage](#).

Revised Webpage Links:

USDA's Civil Rights Web Pages:
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/civil-rights>

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cr/fns-nondiscrimination-statement>

USDA Complaint Form:
<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf> (English)

https://www.ocio.usda.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2012/Spanish_Form_508_Complaint_6_8_12_0.pdf (Spanish)



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English:

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#), (AD-3027) found online at: <https://www.usda.gov/oascr/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint>, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Spanish:

De conformidad con la Ley Federal de Derechos Civiles y los reglamentos y políticas de derechos civiles del Departamento de Agricultura de los EE. UU. (USDA, por sus siglas en inglés), se prohíbe que el USDA, sus agencias, oficinas, empleados e instituciones que participan o administran programas del USDA discriminen sobre la base de raza, color, nacionalidad, sexo, discapacidad, edad, o en represalia o venganza por actividades previas de derechos civiles en algún programa o actividad realizados o financiados por el USDA.

Las personas con discapacidades que necesiten medios alternativos para la comunicación de la información del programa (por ejemplo, sistema Braille, letras grandes, cintas de audio, lenguaje de señas americano, etc.), deben ponerse en contacto con la agencia (estatal o local) en la que solicitaron los beneficios. Las personas sordas, con dificultades de audición o discapacidades del habla pueden comunicarse con el USDA por medio del Federal Relay Service [Servicio Federal de Retransmisión] al (800) 877-8339. Además, la información del programa se puede proporcionar en otros idiomas.

Para presentar una denuncia de discriminación, complete el [Formulario de Denuncia de Discriminación del Programa del USDA](#), (AD-3027) que está disponible en línea en: <https://www.usda.gov/oascr/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint> en cualquier oficina del USDA, o bien escriba una carta dirigida al USDA e incluya en la carta toda la información solicitada en el formulario. Para solicitar una copia del formulario de denuncia, llame al (866) 632-9992. Haga llegar su formulario lleno o carta al USDA por:

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