



The Who, What, Why, and How of the National Appeals Division

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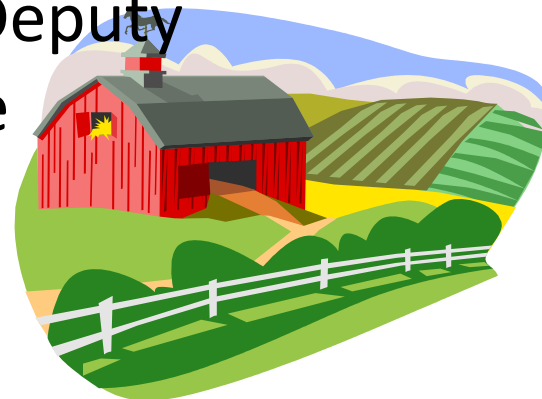


WHO WE ARE:

USDA National Appeals Division

INDEPENDENT office within USDA

- We don't share funds, resources, employees, or reporting with any other USDA agency; and
- The NAD Director reports directly to the Secretary and the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture





WHAT WE DO:

We provide administrative appeals services to USDA program participants. USDA program participants have the statutory RIGHT to a hearing if they receive an adverse decision from one of these agencies:

- Farm Service Agency (FSA),
- Risk Management Agency (RMA),
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS),
- Rural Housing Service (RHS),
- Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS),
- Rural Utilities Service (RUS), and
- Rural Development (RD).



WHO WE SERVE:

- A participant in a program administered by those USDA agencies mentioned above who has received an adverse decision by the agency





HOW TO START AN APPEAL:

To appeal, you can mail, fax, or efile an appeal request to the National Appeals Division office in your region.

- In the request, you need to tell us that you want to appeal, why you want an appeal, and send us a copy of the decision you are appealing.
- The request must be signed personally or electronically by the participant.
- <https://www.nad.usda.gov/>



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The National Appeals Division reports directly to the Secretary of Agriculture and is independent of other parts of USDA. Its sole mission is to provide fair and timely hearings and appeals to USDA program participants.

Any person who receives an adverse program decision from USDA's Farm Service Agency, Risk Management Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or the three USDA Rural Development agencies may file an appeal with NAD.

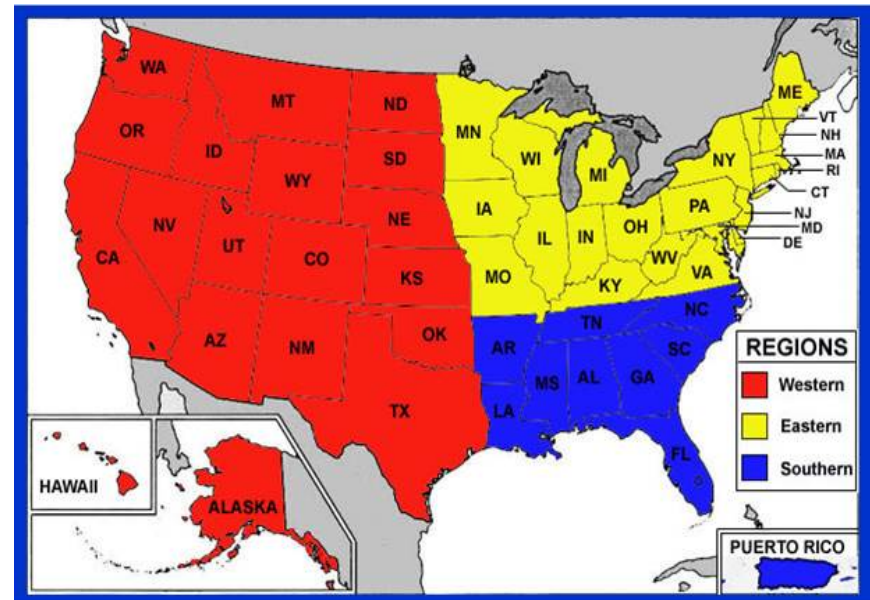
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NAD EXTRAS: When and Where

- An appeal request must be received in the Regional Office no later than 30 calendar days after the participant first received notice of the adverse decision.
- Your face to face hearing will be at one of the hearing sites in your home state; or you can ask for a telephone hearing or a record review.





WHY NAD:

- Decisions are final and binding on Agency
- Free
- Hearing w/in 45 days
- Equitable Relief
- Prevent issues in the future by increasing your understanding of program regulations
- Must come through NAD before filing an action against a USDA agency





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