

Owner

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An **Owner** is an individual or entity who has legal ownership of farmland, including individuals or entities that are any of the following:

- buying farmland under a contract for deed
 - **Note:** USDA Office of the General Counsel (OGC), Regional Attorney will review contracts that are questionable before changing USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) ownership records.
- 2. retaining a life estate in the property
- 3. purchasing a farm in a foreclosure proceeding and both of the following apply:
- 4. the redemption period has not passed
- 5. the original owner has not redeemed the property
- 6. a spouse in a community property State
- 7. spouses owning property jointly.

County Committees (COC) will require specific proof of ownership when land ownership is transferred.

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