

Limits

To receive a current market value buyout offer:

- (1) You must not have previously received any form of debt forgiveness from the Agency on any other direct FLP loan;
- (2) The maximum debt to be written off with buyout does not exceed \$300,000; and
- (3) You must not have non-essential assets with a net recovery value sufficient to pay your account current.

Eligibility

To qualify, you must prove that:

- (1) You cannot repay your delinquent FLP debt due to circumstances beyond your control; and
- (2) You have acted in good faith in all past dealings with the Agency and in accordance with your loan agreements.

Time limits

To buyout your FLP debt at the current market value, you must pay the Agency within 90 days of the date you receive the offer.

Method of payment

To buyout your FLP debt at the current market value, you must pay by cash, cashier's check, or U.S. Treasury check. The Agency will not make or guarantee a loan for this purpose.

(d) Homestead Protection Program

Under the Homestead Protection Program, you may repurchase your primary residence, certain outbuildings, and up to 10 acres of land. If you cannot pay cash or Agency financing is not available, you may lease your primary residence. The lease will include an option for you to purchase the property you lease.

This program may apply when primary loan servicing or the Conservation Contract Program are not available or are not accepted.

You must agree to give the Agency title to your land at the time the Agency signs the Homestead Protection Agreement with you. The Agency will compute the costs of taking title including the cost of paying other creditors with outstanding liens on the property. The Agency will take title only if it can obtain a positive recovery.

Eligibility requirements

- (1) Your gross annual income from the farming operation must have been similar to other comparable operations in your area in at least two of the last 6 years.
- (2) Sixty percent (60%) of your gross annual income in at least two of the last 6 years must have come from the farming operation.
- (3) You must have lived in your homestead property for 6 years immediately before your application. If you had to leave for less than 12 months during the 6-year period and you had no control over the circumstances, you may still qualify.
- (4) You must be the owner of the property immediately prior to the Agency obtaining title.