



United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Notice of Procedures for Filing a Complaint of Discrimination



All NRCS employees, former employees or applicants for employment who believe they have been discriminated against on the bases of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including gender identity and expression), age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, familial status, parental status, genetic information, receipt of public assistance, or reprisal for prior EEO protected activity, have the right to file an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) complaint.



If you believe you have been subjected to unlawful discrimination, you must initiate contact with an EEO Counselor within **45 calendar days** of the date of the alleged discriminatory act or event or, in the case of a personnel action, within **45 calendar days** of the effective date of the personnel action. It is your responsibility, as an aggrieved person, to seek EEO counseling in a timely manner.



If your complaint is appropriate for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), you may elect the ADR process in lieu of traditional counseling. If the complaint has not been resolved at the informal stage, you will be issued a "Notice of the Right to File (NRF)" a formal EEO complaint. If you decide to file a formal complaint, you must submit it to the Office of Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, USDA within 15 calendar days from the date of receipt of the NRF.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Civil Rights Division

Phone: (301) 504-2181/0105
Federal Relay at 1-800-877-8339
Email: NRCS.CivilRights@wdc.usda.gov
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For assistance in ADR, please
call (301) 504-2181/0105.

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