

U.S. Department of Agriculture Nondiscrimination Statement

Full Nondiscrimination Statement

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- (1) Mail to 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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Updated U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Nondiscrimination Statement outlined in USDA Departmental Regulation (DR) 4300-003, "Equal Opportunity Public Notification Policy," dated June 2, 2015. This regulation replaces DR 4300-003, dated November 16, 1999. The DR 4300-003 can be viewed at <http://www.ocio.usda.gov/document/departmental-regulation-4300-003>.

