

Name of Individual (as identified in Part A): **HARTLE, WILLIAM PATRICK**  
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<b>CCC-902</b> (02-18-2025)	<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b> Commodity Credit Corporation	<b>Program Year</b>  2026
<b>FARM OPERATING PLAN FOR PAYMENT ELIGIBILITY</b> <b>2009 and Subsequent Program Years</b>		
For "actively engaged in farming" and other payment eligibility and limitation determinations.		

*This form is to be completed by, or on behalf of, the individual or legal entity identified in Part A that is seeking benefits from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) under one or more programs that are subject to the regulations at 7 CFR Part 1400. This form collects farming and other information about the individual or legal entity that receives program benefits directly using the tax identification number identified in Part A. This form also collects information about the members of legal entities. Payment eligibility is based upon the contribution level of certain inputs to a farming operation such as land, capital, equipment, labor, and management. The information on this form will be used by FSA to determine payment eligibility and limitation of payments by direct attribution.*

**Part A - General Farming Operation Information**

<b>Producer's Name</b> HARTLE, WILLIAM PATRICK	<b>Tax ID Number and ID Type</b> (last 4 digits) 2671 S	<b>Business Type</b> Individual
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**Part B - Capital Information** Note: Do not include capital contributed by **members** of general partnerships or joint ventures. (applicable for all business types)

Does the producer provide capital to this farming operation?	Yes
What percent of capital is contributed by the producer to this farming operation from all sources?	100 %

Indicate the source of all farming capital for the producer. (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Non-borrowed capital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial loans/credit	<input type="checkbox"/> Other/Additional
<input type="checkbox"/> FSA program payments	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Loans/credit	

Was such a loan acquired from, co-signed by, secured by, or guaranteed by an individual or entity who:	
• shares in the production or proceeds of the production from this farming operation?	No
• is a landowner or landlord with an interest in this farming operation?	No

**Part C - Land Information** (applicable for all business types)

Does the producer contribute land to the farming operation?	Yes
Does this farming operation own ANY land?	Yes

State	Administrative County	Farm Serial Number	Tract Number	Farmland Acres	Cropland Acres	Farmland Acres Not Leased	Is any land leased to another producer?
MN	Steele	3891	789	105.02	104.45	105.02	No

Does this farming operation lease land from another producer? Yes

State	Administrative County	Farm Serial Number	Tract Number	Name of Person Land is Leased From	Leased Acres	Type of Acres	Type of Lease	Crop Share	Interest in the Land is same as last year?
MN	Steele		1715		143.45	Cropland	Cash		Yes

State	Administrative County	Farm Serial Number	Tract Number	Name of Person Land is Leased From	Leased Acres	Type of Acres	Type of Lease	Crop Share	Interest in the Land is same as last year?
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Does this farming operation lease land to another producer? No

**Part D - Custom Services** (applicable for all business types)

Will custom services, such as harvesting, spraying, fertilization, tillage, seeding, etc., be utilized for this farming operation? Yes

Type of Service(s)						Number of Acres/Description	Name of Provider
Tillage Activities	Seeding	Crop Growing/ Protection	Harvesting/ Handling	Marketing/ Disposition	Other		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All acres - spraying	Ag Partners

**Part E - Equipment Information** Note: Do not include equipment contributed by **members** of general partnerships or joint ventures. (applicable for all business types)

Does the producer provide equipment to this farming operation? Yes

What percent of the equipment does the producer contribute to this farming operation? 100 %

Does the producer own any equipment contributed to this farming operation? Yes

What percentage of owned equipment does the producer contribute to this farming operation? 100 %

Additional Information for Owned Equipment

Tractor, combine, planter

Does the producer lease any equipment contributed to this farming operation from another producer? No

Is any of the equipment contributed to this farming operation leased to another producer? No

Is there any additional equipment contributed to the farming operation? No

**Part F - Labor Information** (applicable for all business types)

Does the producer provide labor to this farming operation? Yes

Does the producer contribute active personal labor to the farming operation? Yes

What is the estimated percentage of active personal labor? 90 %

Is any of the labor contributed to the farming operation hired? Yes

What is the estimated percentage of labor that is hired? 10 %

Is there any additional labor contributed to the farming operation? No

**Part G - Management Information** (applicable for all business types)

Does the producer provide management to this farming operation? Yes

Does the producer contribute active personal management to the farming operation? Yes

What is the estimated percent of active personal management contributed to the farming operation? 100 %

Types of Management Duties Performed

Grain marketing, planting decisions, input decisions

Is any of the management contributed to the farming operation hired? No

Is there any additional management duties/activities contributed to the farming operation? No

**Part H - Minor Information** (only applicable for individuals)

Will the producer be 18 years of age by June 1 of the current program year? Yes

**Part I - Citizenship Information** (only applicable for individuals)

Is the producer a United States citizen or an alien lawfully admitted into the United States? Yes

**Part J - Remarks**

**Part K - Certification** (applicable for individuals and entities)

I certify that all the information entered on this document and any supporting documentation is true and correct. I understand furnishing incorrect information will result in forfeiture of payments and may result in the assessment of a penalty. I will timely provide written notification to the Farm Service Agency Committees of any changes in this farming operation. By signing this form, I acknowledge that:

- all supporting documentation has been submitted as required
- I have reviewed and understand all definitions and requirements on the final page of this form
- all information contained on this form will be considered in effect continuously unless changes or revisions are submitted.

- it is my responsibility to timely notify FSA in writing of any changes in the farming, ranching or forestry operation, or financial status that may affect these representations.
- evidence such as tax records, certified public accountant's certification, or other documentation may be required to validate these representations and that I will take all necessary actions to provide such materials to FSA if requested.

Signature of Producer (by)	Title/Relationship of the Individual Signing in Representative Capacity	Date (MM-DD-YYYY)

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The following definitions apply to Form CCC-902.

1. **ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN FARMING** – means providing both: 1) significant contributions of capital, equipment, or land, or combination thereof to the farming operation; and 2) significant contributions of active personal labor or active personal management, or a combination thereof, to the farming operation as described. Further, for a person or legal entity to be considered actively engaged in farming for program payment purposes, the contributions of the person or legal entity must be at-risk and commensurate with the person's or legal entity's claimed share of the profit and loss of the farming operation. Failure to meet these requirements will result in the determination of ineligibility for payments under programs specified in 7 C.F.R. Part 1400.
2. **INTEREST IN A FARMING OPERATION** – a person or legal entity is considered to have an interest in this farming operation if the person or legal entity owns or rents land to this farming operation; or has an interest in the crop or crop proceeds from this farming operation; or is a member of a joint operation that either owns or rents land to this farming operation, or has an interest in the crop or crop proceeds from this farming operation.
3. **JOINT OPERATION** - is a general partnership, joint venture, or similar organization.
4. **PERSON** – is a natural person (an individual) and does not include a legal entity.
5. **ACTIVE PERSONAL LABOR** – a person is considered to be providing active personal labor with respect to a farming operation if that person is directly and personally providing physical activities necessary to conduct the farming operation, including land preparation, planting, cultivating, harvesting, and marketing of agricultural commodities. Other qualifying physical activities include establishing and maintaining conserving covers and those physical activities necessary for livestock production for the farming operation.
6. **ACTIVE PERSONAL MANAGEMENT** – a person is considered to be providing active personal management with respect to a farming operation if that person is directly and personally providing the general supervision and direction of activities and labor involved in the farming operation; or providing services (whether performed on-site or off-site) reasonably related and necessary to the farming operation. The management activities must be critical to the profitability of the farming operation and performed under one or more of the following categories: 1) Capital which includes arranging financing and managing capital; acquiring equipment; acquiring land and negotiating leases; managing insurance and participating in USDA programs; 2) Labor which includes hiring and managing of hired labor; 3) Agronomics and marketing which includes selecting crops and making planting decisions; acquiring and purchasing of crop inputs; managing crops and making harvesting decisions; pricing and marketing of crop production.
7. **CAPITAL** – with respect to a farming operation is the funding provided by a person or legal entity to the farming operation in order for such operation to conduct farming activities. To be considered a significant contribution for a person or legal entity, the capital must have been derived from a fund or account separate and distinct from that of any other person or entity with an interest in the farming operation. A significant contribution of capital does not include the value of any labor or management which is contributed to the farming operation. A capital contribution may be a direct non-borrowed (out-of-pocket) input of a specified sum or an amount borrowed by the person or entity. Capital does not include advance program payments.
8. **CONTRIBUTION** – with respect to a farming operation is the provision of land, capital or equipment assets, and providing active personal labor, or active personal management to the farming operation in exchange for, or the expectation of, deriving benefits based solely on the success of the farming operation. Contributions must be "significant".
9. **CUSTOM SERVICES** – with respect to a farming operation is the hiring of a contractor or vendor that is in the business of providing such specialized services to perform services for the farming operation in exchange for the payment of a fee for such services performed.
10. **ENTITY** - is a corporation, joint stock company, limited liability company, association, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, irrevocable trust, revocable trust, estate, charitable organization, or other similar organization including any such organization participating in the farming operation as a partner in a general partnership, participant in a joint venture, a grantor of a revocable trust, or as a participant in a similar organization.
11. **EQUIPMENT** – with respect to a farming operation is the machinery and implements needed to conduct activities of the farming operation including machinery and implements used for land preparation, planting, cultivating, harvesting or marketing crops. Equipment also includes machinery and implements needed to establish and maintain conserving covers.
12. **FAMILY MEMBER** – a person is considered to be a family member of another person in the farming operation if that person is related to the other person as a lineal ancestor, lineal descendant, sibling, 1st cousin, niece, nephew, spouse, or otherwise by marriage. This relationship includes great grandparent, grandparent, parent, child (including legally adopted children and stepchildren), grandchild, great grandchild, sibling, 1st cousin, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle or spouse of family member in the farming operation.
13. **FARMING ENTITY** - is the entity, including a combination of entities, conducting a farming operation at one or more locations.
14. **FARMING OPERATION** - is a business enterprise engaged in the production of agricultural products which is operated by a person or legal entity which is eligible to receive payments, directly or indirectly.
15. **LAND** – with a respect to a contribution to a farming operation is farmland consisting of cropland, pastureland, wetland, or rangeland which meets the specific requirements of the applicable program for which payments or benefits are sought.
16. **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION** – is any information that supports the relevant representations made such as, but not limited to: articles of incorporation; corporate meeting minutes; stock certificates; organizational papers; trust agreement; last will or testament or a deceased individual; affidavit of heirship approved by Office of General Counsel; partnership agreement; property lease agreement; purchase agreement; land deed; lending security agreement; and financial statement.
17. All other terms utilized in this form shall be defined pursuant to 7 C.F.R. Part 1400.