

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM



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To: All FCA Handbook Subscribers
The Chief Executive Officer
All Farm Credit System Institutions

From: Joy Strickland, Deputy General Counsel
Office of General Counsel

Subject: FCA Handbook

We have been providing FCA Handbook subscribers with a paper version of the entire FCA Handbook and all updates for more than 20 years for a minimal fee. Our goal has always been to ensure subscribers have the most current and accurate information available.

The current process, however, is very labor-intensive and no longer cost-effective. Also, new technological enhancements are now available through our Web site that can provide much quicker access to updates and other features at no cost.

Therefore, effective immediately, the FCA Handbook is available only in electronic format for your use. A printed version of updates and the entire Handbook will no longer be provided. However, in addition to the searchable database version of the FCA Handbook now available on our Web site, we are also providing on our Web site PDF files of all sections of the FCA Handbook that you can download and print from your computer.

To make the FCA Handbook one of the most useful resource tools the Agency provides, we have added several enhancements.

- Notification alerts of changes will be posted on the FCA Web site front page under Latest Updates.
- An Update Notices view has been added that will be revised monthly.
- Links to cross references in the text of the FCA Handbook have been added to the searchable database version.
- As mentioned above, a PDF file of each FCA Handbook section is now available so that you can print your own copy.

More enhancements are planned for the future. We'll notify you as they become available.

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