

Mediation brings disputing parties together to openly and confidentially discuss issues and determine solutions with the help of a certified mediator. Mediators are responsible for guiding and facilitating a resolution between multiple parties, but have no authority to make decisions for the parties involved and remain neutral throughout the process.

Mediation is:

- * Provided at no cost to program participants
- * A way for participants to avoid litigation, saving time and money
- * Flexible and impartial

Mediation is available for issues involving:

- * Appealable adverse decisions by USDA agencies
 - » FSA loans
 - » FSA farm support programs
 - » NRCS determinations
 - » Rural development business and home loan programs
- * Commercial agriculture creditors
- * Family farm transitions
- * Land and equipment leases
- * Farm-neighbor disputes
- * Organic programs
- * Other agriculture-related issues



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WISCONSIN Farm Center

Mediation and Arbitration Program



Have an agricultural dispute?

We can help!

The Wisconsin Farm Mediation
and Arbitration Program provides
mediation services at
no cost to Wisconsin farmers.

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How Mediation Works

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Farmer requests mediation services by contacting the WI Farm Mediation and Arbitration Program



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With the mediator presiding, all parties participate in meeting



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Appointed mediator arranges a meeting with all parties



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Mediator writes an agreement with the consent of all parties



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Both parties gather relevant info to be reviewed at mediation meeting



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All parties sign and implement legally binding agreement



Do I need an attorney or an advisor for mediation?

Attorneys or advisors are not required for mediation. However, you should determine whether to have advisors based on significance of the issues, your comfort level, and other factors unique to your situation. We do encourage participants to consult with their attorneys or trusted advisors before finalizing written agreements.

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