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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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

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



With the mediator presiding, all parties participate in meeting

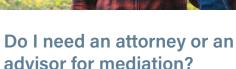


Appointed mediator arranges a meeting with all parties



Mediator writes an agreement with the consent of all parties





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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Scan QR code to go directly to the mediation website



Both parties gather relevant info to be reviewed at mediation meeting

