**Section 955.40 Definition of Limited Resource Farmer**

a) Source

The Department incorporates the Secretary's definition of a limited resource farmer as stated in subsection (b).

b) Definition

1) A limited resource farmer is a farmer that has:

A) direct or indirect gross farm sales that are less than the current indexed value in each of the previous 2 years; and

B) a total household income at or below the national poverty level for a family of 4, or less than 50% of the county median household income in each of the previous 2 years.

2) An entity or joint operation can be a limited resource famer if all individual members independently qualify.

3) The Secretary maintains an online tool that allow users to determine whether they meet the qualifications to be a limited resource farmer (https://lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/LRP\_Definition.aspx).