

OPTIONAL 2007 GRP SELF CERTIFICATION

If you are interested in receiving priority consideration on the scoring of your 2007 GRP application you can complete and submit this optional self certification form.

The 2007 Minnesota GRP Scoring process will give priority to the following categories of applicants;

- **Tribal lands and Tribal producers;**

- **Limited Resource producers** – meeting the criteria as identified by this USDA self determination web site
http://www.lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/tool.asp?state_name=Minnesota&step=1&contents=t1&hardcopy=&B1=Next

- **Beginning Farmers** – meeting ALL of the following conditions;
 - ✓ I am actively involved in a “separate” farming entity in which I am responsible for the farm labor, management and financial decisions and;
 - ✓ I have been involved in this entity for less then 10 years (January 1, 1997 to present) and;
 - ✓ My average “gross farm sales” and “total household” income over the previous 2-year period (2005 – 2006) is less then 3-times the county qualifying income eligibility level as defined for a limited resource farmer on the USDA web site and the majority (at least 51%) of total household income is derived from my farming operation;http://www.lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/tool.asp?state_name=Minnesota&step=1&contents=t1&hardcopy=&B1=Next

All participants self certifying that they meet the above listed criteria for priority consideration are subject to verification which could include submission of IRS forms and Income Tax documentation.

I have read and understand the above definitions. I certify that I meet the criteria for (check all that apply);

- **Tribal lands and Tribal producers**
- **Limited Resource producers**
- **Beginning Farmers**

Applicant Name

Date

