

Who is considered a socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher (SDFR)?

The [Farmer Equity Act of 2017 \(AB 1348\)](#) defines an SDFR as a farmer or rancher who is a member of a socially disadvantaged group. A “socially disadvantaged group” means a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender discrimination. Neither the [USDA definition](#) nor the Farmer Equity Act include gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation in their covered groups including the following: African Americans, Native Americans, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders