

**RHS, RBS, RUS, FSA, USDA**

**§ 1955.130**

1955-46, and may be accepted by the appropriate approval official based upon the combined final sale price.

**§§ 1955.125-1955.126 [Reserved]**

USE OF CONTRACTORS TO DISPOSE OF  
INVENTORY PROPERTY

**§ 1955.127 Selection and use of contractors to dispose of inventory property.**

Sections 1955.128 through 1955.131 prescribe procedures for contracting for services to facilitate disposal of inventory property. FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 Instruction 2024-A (available in any FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 office) is applicable for procurement of nonpersonal services.

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**§ 1955.128 Appraisers.**

(a) *Real property.* The State Director may authorize the County Supervisor or District Director to procure fee appraisals of inventory property, except MFH properties, to expedite the sale of inventory real or chattel property. (Fee appraisals of MFH properties will only be authorized by the Assistant Administrator, Housing, when unusual circumstances preclude the use of a qualified FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 MFH appraiser.) The decision will be based on the availability of comparables, the capability and availability of personnel, and the number and type of properties (such as large farms and business property) requiring valuation. For Farmer Programs real estate properties, all contract (fee) appraisers should include the sales comparison, income (when applicable), and the cost approach to value. All FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 real estate contract appraisers must be certified as State-Certified General Appraisers.

(b) *Chattel property.* For Farmer Programs chattel appraisals, the contractor/appraiser completing the report must meet at least one of the following qualifications:

(1) Certification by a National or State appraisal society.

(2) If the contractor is not a certified appraiser and a certified appraiser is not available, the contractor may qualify or may use other qualified appraisers, if the contractor can establish that he/she or that the appraiser meets the criteria for a certification in a National or State appraisal society.

(3) The appraiser has recent, relevant, documented appraisal experience or training, or other factors clearly establish the appraiser's qualifications.

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**§ 1955.129 Business brokers.**

The services of business brokers or business opportunity brokers may be authorized by the appropriate Assistant Administrator in lieu of or in addition to real estate brokers for the sale of businesses as a whole, including goodwill and chattel, when:

(a) The primary use of the structure included in the sale is other than residential;

(b) The business broker is duly licensed by the respective state; and

(c) The primary function of the business is other than farming or ranching.

**§ 1955.130 Real estate brokers.**

Contracting authority for the use of real estate brokers is prescribed in Exhibit D of FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 Instruction 2024-A (available in any FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 office). Brokers who are managing custodial or inventory property may also participate in sales activities under the same conditions offered other brokers. Brokers must be properly licensed in the State in which they do business.

(a) *Type of listings.* The State Director may authorize use of exclusive listings during any calendar year. Since the Agency receives many more marketing services for its commission dollar and saves time listing the property with only one broker, it is strongly recommended that all County Offices be authorized the use of exclusive brokers.

(1) *Exclusive broker contract.* An exclusive broker contract provides for the selection of one broker by competitive