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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

This chapter prescribes the policy for processing federal government USDA Farm Services Agency (FSA) program payments.

This policy is effective immediately and remains effective until revised, superseded or rescinded.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, contact BIA Trust Reform Liaisons, T. Parker Sando at (505) 816-1446 or Steve Graham at (505) 816-1209.

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- **1.1 Purpose.** This chapter prescribes the policy for processing federal government USDA Farm Services Agency (FSA) program payments.
- **1.2 Scope.** This policy applies to FSA program payments on trust lands.
- 1.3 Policy. It is the policy of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) that if a landowner or the BIA on behalf of a landowner is a party to an approved FSA program agreement, the payment is considered trust income and will be accepted at the lockbox and distributed to the individual Indian account. If the program agreement is solely between the FSA program and the lessee of trust land, the payment is not considered trust income and should not be received at the lockbox or in a BIA agency or office. If a non-trust payment is received, the payment will be refunded to the FSA program.
- 1.4 Authority.

25 U.S.C. 13, The Snyder Act

- 1.5 Responsibilities.
 - **A.** <u>Director</u>, <u>Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)</u>. The BIA Director is responsible for the development of National Policy affecting Indian lands.
 - **B.** <u>Deputy Bureau Director, Field Operations, BIA.</u> The BIA Deputy Bureau Director of Field Operations is responsible for overseeing the Regional Directors and dissemination of policy to them.
 - **C.** <u>Deputy Bureau Director, Trust Services, BIA.</u> The BIA Deputy Bureau Director of Trust Services is responsible for assisting in the dissemination of trust resource policy and information to the Regional Directors.
 - **D.** Regional Directors, BIA. The BIA Regional Directors are responsible for carrying out policy as directed, and for overseeing the implementation of policy either directly or via Agency Superintendents.