**12:21:01:06.  Eligibility.** To be eligible for assistance under this chapter, the first-time farmer must meet the following requirements:

 (1)  The first-time farmer must be a resident of South Dakota at the time the bond is issued to finance the loan and must be at least 18 years of age;

 (2)  The first-time farmer must document to the lender and the authority sufficient training and experience for the anticipated farm operations;

 (3)  The first-time farmer must, as a condition of loan closing, demonstrate to the satisfaction of the lender and the authority access as needed to working capital, farm machinery, livestock, and agricultural land;

 (4)  Individuals must be first-time farmers regardless of the purpose of the loan as defined in § 147(C) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended to July 1, 2008;

 (5)  The agricultural land and agricultural improvements may be used for farming only by the individual, the individual's spouse, the individual's minor children, or any of them;

 (6)  The first-time farmer must meet net worth requirements as described in § 12:21:01:04;

 (7)  The first-time farmer must meet the requirements of § 267(a), (b), and (c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended to July 1, 2008, concerning related persons.

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