

What is Mediation?

Mediation is a no-cost, voluntary, confidential, problem-solving process wherein an impartial third party (the mediator) helps those in need to resolve disputes by:

- Identifying and clarifying issues
- Exploring options
- Recording agreements

The mediator assists the parties in exploring the issues and solutions in order to arrive at an agreement acceptable to all parties.

Agreement on a realistic plan of action is the desired end result. Thus, mediation can assist farmers in avoiding costly appeals and litigation.