

654A.1 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Agricultural property*” means agricultural land that is principally used for farming as defined in section 9H.1, and personal property that is used as security to finance a farm operation or used as part of a farm operation including equipment, crops, livestock, and proceeds of the security.
2. “*Coordinator*” means the farm assistance program coordinator provided in section 13.13.
3. “*Creditor*” means the holder of a mortgage on agricultural property, a vendor of a real estate contract for agricultural property, a person with a lien or security interest in agricultural property, or a judgment creditor with a judgment against a debtor with agricultural property.
4. “*Farm mediation service*” means the organization selected pursuant to section 13.13.
5. “*File*” means to deliver by the required date by certified mail or another method acknowledging receipt.
6. “*Mediation release*” means an agreement or statement signed by all parties or by less than all the parties and the mediator pursuant to section 654A.11.
7. “*Participate*” or “*participation*” means attending a mediation meeting, and discussing issues, stating a position regarding restructuring, and exchanging information, relating to any of the following: a debt against agricultural property which is real estate under chapter 654; a forfeiture of a contract to purchase agricultural property under chapter 656; a secured interest in agricultural property under chapter 554; or a garnishment, levy, execution, seizure, or attachment of agricultural property; all as referenced in section 654A.6.

86 Acts, ch 1214, §14; 90 Acts, ch 1143, §9, 10