

**654A.8 Initial mediation meeting.**

1. Unless the borrower waives mediation, within twenty-one days after receiving a mediation request the farm mediation service shall send a mediation meeting notice to the borrower and to all known creditors of the borrower setting a time and place for an initial mediation meeting between the borrower, the creditors, and a mediator directed by the farm mediation service to assist in mediation. An initial mediation meeting shall be held within twenty-one days of the issuance of the mediation meeting notice.

2. If a creditor subject to [this chapter](#) receives a mediation meeting notice under [subsection 1](#), the creditor and the creditor's successors in interest may not continue proceedings to enforce a debt against agricultural property of the borrower under [chapter 654](#), to forfeit a real estate contract for the purchase of agricultural property of the borrower under [chapter 656](#), to enforce a secured interest in agricultural property under [chapter 554](#), or to otherwise garnish, levy on, execute on, seize, or attach agricultural property. Time periods under and affecting those procedures stop running until the farm mediation service issues a mediation release to the creditor.

[86 Acts, ch 1214, §21](#)

Referred to in [§654A.12](#)