

**16.4B Guiding principles — agricultural development.**

In the performance of its duties, implementation of its powers, and the selection of specific programs and projects to receive its assistance under [subchapter VIII](#), the authority shall be guided by the following precatory principles:

1. The authority shall not become an owner of real or depreciable property, except on a temporary basis where necessary in order to implement its programs, to protect its investments by means of foreclosure or other means, or to facilitate transfer of real or depreciable property for the use of beginning farmers.

2. The authority shall exercise diligence and care in selection of projects to receive its assistance and shall apply customary and acceptable business and lending standards in selection and subsequent implementation of the projects. The authority may delegate primary responsibility for determination and implementation of the projects to any federal governmental agency which assumes any obligation to repay the loan, either directly or by insurance or guaranty.

3. The authority shall develop programs for providing financial assistance to agricultural producers in this state.

[2014 Acts, ch 1080, §15, 78](#)