

**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](#)

Referred to in [§654.2C](#), [654A.6](#), [656.8](#)