

**NATIONAL AGRICULTURE IMAGERY PROGRAM (NAIP)
PARTNERSHIPS
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)
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The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has amended the NAIP acquisition cycle to a three (3) year cycle, focusing on FSA's required agriculture areas as determined by common land unit (CLU) boundaries. NAIP remains a national inter-agency cooperative program by continuing to provide a vehicle for acquiring full state coverage through cost share partners.

FSA is promoting NAIP partnerships with other federal, state and local government agencies. For those interested in purchasing available existing imagery you may contact the Aerial Photography Field Office (APFO) Sales Office at (801) 844-2922.

What are the benefits of participating in a Partnership Agreement?

1. **ALL** acceptable imagery for a state would be delivered as soon as available.
2. In the event partnership contributions do not meet the funding requirements for full state coverage, the cost share funds will be applied to their area(s) of interests (meeting FSA coverage requirements.)
3. Increased potential for a derivative product at a reduced price.

What type of Partnership Agreement can FSA facilitate?

FSA is actively seeking monetary cooperation to complete full state coverage within the established cycle.

Also, in an effort to consolidate requirements and reduce redundancies FSA will accept partnerships for coverage in states "out of cycle" meeting the contract specifications. All costs for this type of acquisition will be at the expense of the requesting party with the original imagery maintained here at FSA in public domain.

What is the cost of a Partnership Agreement?

The minimum to establish a partnership for a state is the greater of either: ten percent (10%) of FSA's coverage for a state or \$21,500.00.

This amount **does not** guarantee full state coverage, but will be applied to additional coverage or an upgraded product as directed by a partner.

An estimate of your state's contribution requirements can be found [here](#):

When should a Partnership Agreement be established?

A Partnership Agreement should be established no later than December 31 of the year prior to imagery collection.

Is there a schedule for acquisition?

A map showing the 3-year acquisition cycle can be found [here](#).

What are the technical specifications of the deliverables?

Product specifications may be found in the current contract and task order (contract USDA-NAIP-3-07 and task order NAIP-TO-3-08) which may be downloaded from the following website:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/apfoapp?area=home&subject=csrv&topic=bop>

● **What are the deliverables under a Partnership Agreement?**

1. All CCMs required for your Partnership Agreement.
2. All full resolution Digital Orthorectified Quarter Quadrangle (DOQQ) tiles required for your Partnership Agreement.

Product definitions may be found at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/naip_2007_infosheetpdf.pdf.

However, **derivative products** may be purchased with a secondary contract directly from the prime contractor (See the derivative products section below.)

● **Can “other” products be purchased directly through the NAIP contract?**

Yes, “4-band imagery” would be a buy-up option purchased directly through the NAIP contract. The costs for this option would be additional to the minimum contribution requirement. Everything else would be a derivative product.

● **What constitutes a derivative product?**

FSA considers any product not within the scope of the NAIP contract and task order to be a potential derivative product (i.e.: alternate projections and sub-meter ortho-rectified imagery).

● **How can I acquire derivative products and at what cost?**

Derivative products must be acquired through a secondary contract between you and the contractor and should not have a negative impact to FSA.

● **Who do I contact if I’m interested in contributing to a state’s acquisition?**

The first point of contact would be your state’s FSA GIS Coordinator. Also, the following APFO personnel are available to answer questions, and provide assistance when needed.

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● **Is there standard paperwork for an Agreement?**

FSA has available draft Agreement documents at the county level or state level which may be used as a template by county and state Government offices, or FSA will review other required forms submitted by your agency.