

1500.0901 MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION.

Subpart 1. **Definitions.** The definitions in items A and B apply to this part.

A. "Mediation" is a process by which the parties to a dispute jointly explore and resolve all or a part of their differences with the assistance of a neutral person. The mediator's role is to assist the parties in resolving the dispute themselves. The mediator has no authority to impose a settlement.

B. "Arbitration" is a process by which the parties to a dispute submit their differences to the judgment of an impartial party. The arbitrator's role is to hear the parties' arguments and issue a decision (grant an award) resolving the dispute.

Subp. 2. **Procedure.** If mediation or arbitration services are requested, the commissioner may refer the parties to outside mediation or arbitration services or conduct the services within the Department of Agriculture. Mediation and arbitration activities of the commissioner must be conducted according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 572.

Subp. 3. **Required clauses.** Mediation or arbitration clauses are required in all contracts signed by Minnesota producers.

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