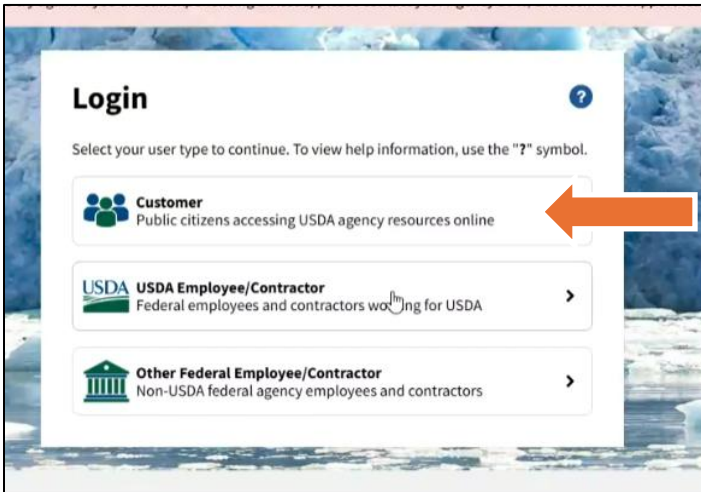
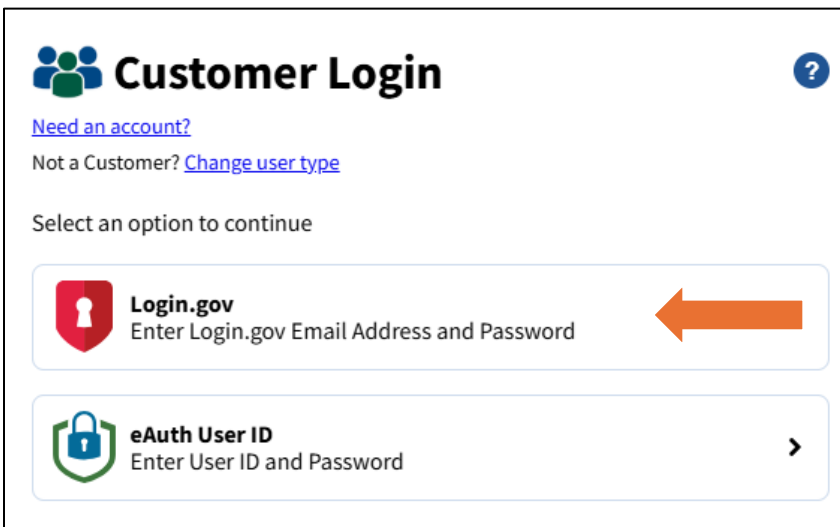


Instructions for accessing READI

1. Get your Drives License. Have it available you will need as you follow these instructions.
2. Sign into your Internet Browser. Google Chrome is recommended. Type in `https:\\readi.nass.usda.gov`. Hit 'Enter'. The screen will spin.
3. Click on 'Customer'.



4. Click on 'Login.gov'.



5. Click on 'Sign in'. Follow steps 1-4 as indicated on this graphic.

The image shows a screenshot of the USDA eAuthentication sign-in page. At the top, there is a header with three icons: a person, a shield with a keyhole, and a computer screen. Below the icons, the text reads: "USDA eAuthentication is using Login.gov to allow you to sign in to your account safely and securely." There are two buttons: "Sign in" and "Create an account". An orange arrow labeled "1" points to the "Sign in" button. Below the buttons is the section "Sign in for existing users". It contains an "Email address" input field, a "Password" input field, and a "Show password" checkbox. An orange arrow labeled "2" points to the "Email address" field. Another orange arrow labeled "3" points to the "Password" field. Below the password field is a large blue "Submit" button. An orange arrow labeled "4" points to the "Submit" button. At the bottom, there is a link: "Sign in with your government employee ID".

1

Sign in

Create an account

Sign in for existing users

Email address

2

Enter your nasda.org email address

Password

3

Enter your Login.gov password

Show password

Submit

4

[Sign in with your government employee ID](#)

- The system will send a code to your cell phone as that is what you selected when you set up your Login.gov account. Look at your cell phone and enter the six-digit code. The code will expire in 10 minutes. If you wait longer than 10 minutes, please see at the bottom of the screen 'Send another code'.

10 minutes left until you have to request a new code

Enter your one-time code

We sent a text (SMS) with a one-time code to [REDACTED]

Do not share this code. Login.gov will never call, text, or email you asking for it. [Learn how to identify fraud and report it.](#)

One-time code
Example: 123456

1

Remember this browser

2

Select this to skip authentication on supported sites. **DO NOT** select "Remember this browser" if you are on a public or shared device.

3

Submit

[Send another code](#)

Enter the six-digit code from your cell phone.

7. Click on 'Agree and Continue'.

Continue to USDA eAuth - Cert

We'll share this information with **USDA eAuth - Cert**:

✓ **Email address**
[]@nasda.org [Change](#)

▲ [Add a second authentication method](#). You will have to delete your account and start over if you lose your only authentication method.

Agree and continue

[Cancel](#)

8. Select 'Continue WITHOUT linking to an existing eAuth account'. Then click on 'Continue'.

Link with Login.gov ?

Login.gov must be linked to an eAuth account to use it with USDA applications.

Use an existing eAuth account to link to my Login.gov account.

Continue without linking to an existing eAuth account (*if you don't already have a USDA eAuth account*).

Continue

9. Enter your first name and last name. Click on submit.

User Information Required

In order to complete setting up your Login.gov account with USDA eAuth, please provide the following information:

First name


Last name




10. Select 'Verify my identify at Login.gov – Recommended'.

Verify Identity

The application you are accessing requires identity verification. Your account does not currently meet these requirements. Please select the method to verify your identity below.

Verify my identity at Login.gov - Recommended  1

Visit a USDA Service Center for in-person identity verification

 2

11. Click on 'Continue to Login.gov'.



Verify Identity at Login.gov

The application you are accessing requires identity verification. Your account does not meet these requirements.

USDA eAuthentication is now using Login.gov for identity verification and authentication. Please click the "Continue to Login.gov" button.

- If you already have a Login.gov account, use it to link with eAuth and follow the prompts on the Login.gov page.
- If you do not have a Login.gov account, you can create one and follow the prompts to link.
- You will be returned to USDA eAuth to link the two accounts together.

12. Click on 'Continue'.


 

Let's verify your identity for USDA eAuth - Cert

USDA eAuth - Cert needs to make sure you are you — not someone pretending to be you. [Learn more about verifying your identity](#)

You'll need to:

- 1 Have a U.S. passport book, U.S. driver's license or state ID**
Other forms of ID are not accepted. We'll check that you are the person on your ID.
- 2 Enter your Social Security number**
You will not need your physical SSN card.
- 3 Match to your phone number**
We match your phone number with your personal information and send a one-time code to your phone.
- 4 Re-enter your Login.gov password**
Your password saves and encrypts your personal information.

Continue 

13. Check the box allowing Login.gov to verify your identity. Click on 'Continue'.

LOGIN.GOV **USDA**

Getting started Verify your ID Verify your information Verify your phone number Re-enter your password

How verifying your identity works

Identity verification happens in two parts:

Verify your identity

We'll ask for your ID, phone number, and other personal information to verify your identity against public records.

Secure your account

We'll encrypt your account when you re-enter your password. Encryption means your data is protected and only you will be able to change your information.

By checking this box, you are letting Login.gov ask for, use, keep, and share your personal information. We will use it to verify your identity.

[Learn more about our privacy and security measures](#)

Continue



14. These next steps will verify your identity. Your phone number will be prefilled. Click on 'Send link.'

The screenshot shows a verification process with a progress bar at the top. The progress bar has five steps: 'Getting started' (checked), 'Verify your ID' (current step), 'Verify your information', 'Verify your phone number', and 'Re-enter your password'. Below the progress bar is the heading 'Choose how to verify your ID'. Underneath is an icon of a smartphone and the text 'Use your phone' followed by 'Take photos of your ID, then switch back to this computer.' and a link 'Learn more about verifying online'. Below this is a 'Phone number' field with a dropdown menu showing a US flag and a text input field. An orange arrow labeled '1' points to the text input field, which is annotated with a box containing '1' and the text 'Prefilled with area code'. Below the phone number field is a blue 'Send link' button, with an orange arrow labeled '2' pointing to it.

15. A link will be sent to you via text message to your cell phone. Click on the secure link. Choose to verify identify using your State ID. During this step you will be asked to take a picture of your driver's license. Take a picture of the front, then the back. Click on 'Submit'.


It is recommended you use your driver's license. The sheen on the passport causes a glare making it hard to align and take a picture acceptable by the system.

16. It will take a few minutes for your picture to process. Your computer screen will appear as below. Once done your computer screen will automatically change.

Getting started **Verify your ID** Verify your information Verify your phone number Re-enter your password

▲ Do not close this window. The next step will load automatically after you verify your ID on your phone.



We sent a message to your phone

You entered: +1 [REDACTED]

Please check your phone and follow instructions to take a photo of your ID.

[Back](#)

17. Enter your SSN.
Click on 'Continue'.

Getting started Verify your ID **Verify your information** Verify your phone number Re-enter your password

Enter your Social Security number

We need your Social Security number to verify your name, date of birth and address. [Learn more about how we protect your sensitive information](#)

Don't have a Social Security number?

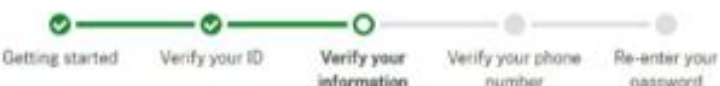
You must have a Social Security number to finish verifying your identity. [Exit Login.gov and return to USDA eAuthentication](#)

Social Security number
Example: 123-45-6789

 Show Social Security number

Continue

18. Double, check the information below and make sure it is all correct. Click on 'Update' if something is incorrect. Click on 'Submit'.



Getting started Verify your ID **Verify your information** Verify your phone number Re-enter your password

Verify your information

We will check records to verify that your address and Social Security number match the information on your ID.

First name: _____
Last name: _____
Date of birth: _____
ID number: _____

Address line 1: _____ [Update](#)
Address line 2: _____
City: _____
State: _____
ZIP Code: _____

Social Security number: _____ [Update](#)

Show Social Security number

Submit ←

19. A six-digit code will be sent to your cell phone. Enter the code from the cell phone. Click on Submit.

The screenshot shows a five-step progress bar at the top: 'Getting started' (checked), 'Verify your ID' (checked), 'Verify your information' (checked), 'Verify your phone number' (active), and 'Re-enter your password' (disabled). The main heading is 'Enter your one-time code'. Below it, a message states: 'We sent a text (SMS) with a one-time code to +1 [redacted]. This code will expire in 10 minutes.' A warning follows: 'Do not share this code. Login.gov will never call, text, or email you asking for it. [Learn how to identify fraud and report it.](#)' The 'One-time code' section includes an example '123ABC' and a text input field. An orange arrow labeled '1' points to this field. Below the input field is a blue 'Submit' button, with an orange arrow labeled '2' pointing to it. Further down are links for 'Send another code', 'Use another phone number', and 'Cancel'.

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2

Six-digit code (case sensitive) from your cell phone.

20. On the next screen enter your Login.gov password. Click on 'Continue'.

21. The system will give you a personal key. Please **WRITE** down this key and the date generated. Keep it with your passwords. It is suggested to also take a picture. **SAVE** in a safe place. Check the box you have saved the personal key and then on 'Continue'.

Getting started Verify your ID Verify your information Verify your phone number **Re-enter your password**

✔ We secured your verified information

Save your personal key

Your personal key is the only way to access your verified account if you reset your password.

Treat it like a second password. Keep it safe and don't share it with anyone. [Learn more about the personal key](#)

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Your personal key was generated on **January 12, 2026**

[Copy](#) [Download \(text file\)](#) [Print](#)



This personal key is the only way to reset your password.

NASS/NASDA can NOT help you if you do not SAVE this key!!!!!!

22. Verify all information below is correct. Click on Agree and Continue.

✔ Email address [Change](#)

✔ Full name

✔ Address

✔ Phone number

✔ Date of birth

✔ Social Security number

✔ Updated on
January 9, 2026 at 10:08 AM

▲ [Add a second authentication method](#). You will have to delete your account and start over if you lose your only authentication method.

Agree and continue ←

23. After you click on 'Agree and Continue' the screen will spin as it authenticates you for the READI system. This takes 1-2 minutes. In some cases, it spins for about 10 minutes and lets you connect. In a rare circumstance they are running an update it might continue to spin. Please let your manager know if this occurs.

24. In edge the READI prod and beta sites have been bookmarked. Click on NASDA Bookmarks. You will see READI Production Site and READI Beta Site. Do NOT poke around. Please wait for training to be scheduled.

25. Log out of the system by closing the window.

Again – Please wait for training on READI before clicking or accessing any options