

Special Environmental Concerns Evaluation Procedure Guide Sheet

The following guide sheet may be used to assist in the evaluation of the special resource concerns shown in Part J of the Form KS-CPA-52, Environmental Effects for Conservation Planning. Completion of this guide sheet is not required, but may provide additional documentation that the appropriate processes have been followed.

PRIME AND UNIQUE FARMLANDS

STEP 1. Are prime or unique farmlands or farmlands of statewide or local importance present in or near the area that will be affected by the proposed action or activity?

NO **YES** **UNKNOWN**

If your answer is "No," additional evaluation is not needed concerning prime and unique farmlands. Document the finding on Form KS-CPA-52 and proceed with the planning process.

a. If your answer is "Yes," go to Step 2.

b. If your answer is "Unknown," consult Section II of the electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Soils Data Mart, Prime and Other Important Farmlands Report.

STEP 2. Does the proposed action involve the conversion of prime or unique farmlands to a nonagricultural use?

Note: Conversion does not include construction of on-farm structures necessary for farm operations.

NO **YES**

a. If your answer is "No," additional evaluation is not needed concerning prime and unique farmlands. Document the finding on Form KS-CPA-52 and proceed with the planning process.

b. If your answer is "Yes", go to Step 3.

STEP 3. Can the proposed action be modified to avoid impacts to the prime or unique farmlands?

NO **YES**

a. If your answer is "No," consult your state environmental compliance coordinator.

b. If your answer is "Yes," document the findings on Form KS-CPA-52 and process with the planning process.