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Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Determination

Name Address:		Request Date:	County:
Agency or Person Requesting Determination:		Tract #:	Farm #:

Section I – Highly Erodible Land (HEL)

Is a soil survey available for making an HEL determination?	-
Are there highly erodible soil map units on this farm?	-

Fields in this section have undergone a determination of whether or not they are HEL; fields for which an HEL determination has not been completed are not listed. To be eligible for USDA benefits, an approved conservation system must be applied on all HEL.

<u>Field(s)</u>	<u>HEL(Y/N)</u>	<u>Sodbuster (Y/N)</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Determination Date</u>
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The HEL determination was completed in the- .

Section II – Wetland Conservation

Are there hydric soils on this property?	-
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Fields in this section have had wetland determinations completed. For additional information regarding the wetland label, see the definition of wetland label codes.

<u>Field(s)</u>	<u>Wetland Label</u>	<u>Occurrence Year (CW)</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Determination Date</u>	<u>Certification Date</u>
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The wetland determination was completed in the - . It was - . to the person on .

Remarks:

I certify the above determinations are correct and were conducted in accordance with policies and procedures contained in the National Food Security Act Manual (NFSAM), 4th edition.

District Conservationist	Date

Definitions of wetland codes

AW	Artificial wetland. Under natural conditions, a non-wetland. Exhibits wetland characteristics due to human influence.
CPD	Corps permit with mitigation exemption. Wetland conversion authorized by permit issued under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Acreage and functions adequately mitigated.
CW	Converted wetlands. Wetland converted after December 23, 1985, but before November 28, 1990, on which an agricultural commodity was planted.
CW+year	Converted wetlands. Wetland converted on or after November 28, 1990, to the extent that production of an agricultural commodity was possible. Converted wetlands. Wetland, including WX, FW, and FWP, after December 23, 1985, drained, dredged, filled, leveled, or otherwise manipulated, including removal of woody vegetation or any activity impairing or reducing flow, circulation, or reach of water, for purpose of or to have effect of making possible production of an agricultural commodity, and but for such action, production would not have been possible.
CWTE	Converted wetland technical error. Wetland converted as a result of NRCS making an incorrect determination.
FW	Farmed wetlands. Wetlands converted and used for producing an agricultural commodity before December 23, 1985; meet specified hydrology criteria; production made possible or enhanced by manipulation; and have not been abandoned.
FWP	Farmed wetland pasture or hayland. Wetland converted and used for pasture or hayland as of December 23, 1985; meets specified hydrology criteria; and has not been abandoned.
MW	Minimal effect exemption. Wetland converted through action that has minimal effect on wetland functions and values, including value to waterfowl and wildlife.
MIW	Mitigation exemption. Label the converted wetland: MIW. Mitigation for lost wetland acreage, value, and functions through wetland restoration, enhancement, or creation.
MWM	Mitigation exemption. Label the wetland mitigation site: MWM. Mitigation for lost wetland acreage, value, and functions through wetland restoration, enhancement, or creation.
NW	Non-Wetlands. Under normal conditions does not meet wetland criteria.
PC	Prior converted cropland. Wetland converted before December 23, 1985; an agricultural commodity produced at least once before December 23, 1985; capable of producing an agricultural commodity on December 23, 1985; and meets specified hydrologic criteria.
TP	Third-party conversion exemption. Wetland converted by: actions of persons unassociated or unaffiliated with USDA program participant; or an indirect effect of action occurring off the tract, the purpose of which is other than to convert the wetland.
W	Wetlands. Meets criteria for three wetland factors, i.e., hydric soils, hydrophytic vegetation, and wetland hydrology.
WX	Manipulated wetlands. Wetlands manipulated beyond the scope of allowable maintenance.