

Hydric Soils

This table lists the map unit components that are rated as hydric soils in the survey area. This list can help in planning land uses; however, onsite investigation is recommended to determine the hydric soils on a specific site (National Research Council, 1995; Hurt and others, 2002).

The three essential characteristics of wetlands are hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology (Cowardin and others, 1979; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1987; National Research Council, 1995; Tiner, 1985). Criteria for all of the characteristics must be met for areas to be identified as wetlands. Undrained hydric soils that have natural vegetation should support a dominant population of ecological wetland plant species. Hydric soils that have been converted to other uses should be capable of being restored to wetlands.

Hydric soils are defined by the National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils (NTCHS) as soils that formed under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part (Federal Register, 1994). These soils, under natural conditions, are either saturated or inundated long enough during the growing season to support the growth and reproduction of hydrophytic vegetation.

The NTCHS definition identifies general soil properties that are associated with wetness. In order to determine whether a specific soil is a hydric soil or nonhydric soil, however, more specific information, such as information about the depth and duration of the water table, is needed. Thus, criteria that identify those estimated soil properties unique to hydric soils have been established (Federal Register, 2002). These criteria are used to identify map unit components that normally are associated with wetlands. The criteria used are selected estimated soil properties that are described in "Soil Taxonomy" (Soil Survey Staff, 1999) and "Keys to Soil Taxonomy" (Soil Survey Staff, 2006) and in the "Soil Survey Manual" (Soil Survey Division Staff, 1993).

If soils are wet enough for a long enough period of time to be considered hydric, they should exhibit certain properties that can be easily observed in the field. These visible properties are indicators of hydric soils. The indicators used to make onsite determinations of hydric soils are specified in "Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States" (Hurt and Vasilas, 2006).

Hydric soils are identified by examining and describing the soil to a depth of about 20 inches. This depth may be greater if determination of an appropriate indicator so requires. It is always recommended that soils be excavated and described to the depth necessary for an understanding of the redoximorphic processes. Then, using the completed soil descriptions, soil scientists can compare the soil features required by each indicator and specify which indicators have been matched with the conditions observed in the soil. The soil can be identified as a hydric soil if at least one of the approved indicators is present.

Map units that are dominantly made up of hydric soils may have small areas, or inclusions, of nonhydric soils in the higher positions on the landform, and map units dominantly made up of nonhydric soils may have inclusions of hydric soils in the lower positions on the landform.

The criteria for hydric soils are represented by codes in the table (for example, 2). Definitions for the codes are as follows:

1. All Histels except for Folistels, and Histosols except for Folists.
2. Soils in Aquic suborders, great groups, or subgroups, Albolls suborder, Historthels great group, Histoturbels great group, Pachic subgroups, or Cumulic subgroups that:
 - A. Based on the range of characteristics for the soil series, will at least in part meet one or more Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States, or
 - B. Show evidence that the soil meets the definition of a hydric soil;
3. Soils that are frequently ponded for long or very long duration during the growing season.
 - A. Based on the range of characteristics for the soil series, will at least in part meet one or more Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States, or
 - B. Show evidence that the soil meets the definition of a hydric soil;
4. Map unit components that are frequently flooded for long duration or very long duration during the growing season that:
 - A. Based on the range of characteristics for the soil series, will at least in part meet one or more Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States, or
 - B. Show evidence that the soil meets the definition of a hydric soil;

Hydric Condition: Food Security Act information regarding the ability to grow a commodity crop without removing woody vegetation or manipulating hydrology.

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Hydric Soils--Putnam County Area, Florida				
Map symbol and map unit name	Component	Percent of map unit	Landform	Hydric criteria
3—Myakka fine sand				
	Myakka, hydric	15	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Placid, depressional	2	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	St. Johns, depressional	2	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
5—Placid fine sand, depressional				
	Placid, depressional	90	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Ona, hydric	3	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Myakka, depressional	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Samsula	2	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	St. Johns, depressional	2	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
7—Immokalee fine sand				
	Immokalee, hydric	10	Flats on marine terraces	2
	St. Johns, depressional	5	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
9—Pomona fine sand				
	Pomona, hydric	10	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Pomona, depressional	5	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
10—Pompano fine sand				
	Pompano, hydric	10	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Malabar, hydric	7	Flats on marine terraces	2
13—St. Johns fine sand, depressional				
	St. Johns, depressional	80	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Myakka, depressional	4	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Pomona, depressional	4	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Ona, hydric	4	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Samsula	4	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Placid, depressional	4	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
16—Adamsville sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes				
	Riviera	4	Flats on marine terraces	2

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19—Pomona fine sand, depressional				
	Pomona, depressional	80	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Tomoka	10	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Placid, depressional	10	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
20—Bluff sandy clay loam, frequently flooded				
	Bluff	75	Flood plains on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2, 4
	Holopaw	13	Drainageways on marine terraces, flood plains on marine terraces	2, 4
	Riviera	12	Drainageways on marine terraces, flood plains on marine terraces	2, 4
22—Tomoka muck				
	Tomoka	80	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	St. Johns, depressional	5	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Hontoon	5	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Placid, depressional	5	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Samsula	5	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
23—Palmetto fine sand				
	Palmetto, hydric	10	Flats on marine terraces	2
24—Holopaw fine sand, frequently flooded				
	Holopaw	80	Flood plains on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2, 4
	Riviera	10	Drainageways on marine terraces, flood plains on marine terraces	2, 4
	Bluff	10	Flood plains on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2, 4

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26--Terra Ceia muck, frequently flooded				
	Terra ceia	90	Flood plains on marine terraces	1, 4
	Bluff	3	Drainageways on marine terraces, flood plains on marine terraces	2, 4
	Holopaw	3	Flood plains on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2, 4
	Riviera	2	Drainageways on marine terraces, flood plains on marine terraces	2, 4
	Hontoon	2	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
27--Samsula muck				
	Samsula	80	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Hontoon	5	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	St. Johns, depressional	5	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Tomoka	5	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Placid, depressional	5	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
29--Riviera fine sand, frequently flooded				
	Riviera	80	Drainageways on marine terraces, flood plains on marine terraces	2, 4
	Pompano	10	Flood plains on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Holopaw	10	Flood plains on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2, 4
30--Hontoon muck				
	Hontoon	85	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Placid, depressional	8	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Samsula	7	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3

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31—Myakka fine sand, depressional				
	Myakka, depressional	90	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Placid, depressional	4	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Pomona, depressional	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	St. Johns, depressional	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
33—Winder fine sand				
	Winder	80	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Pomona, hydric	4	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Paisley	4	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Malabar, hydric	4	Flats on marine terraces	2
34—Riviera fine sand				
	Riviera, hydric	15	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Winder	6	Flats on marine terraces	2
35—Malabar fine sand				
	Malabar, hydric	45	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Malabar, depressional	15	Depressions on marine terraces	2
	Palmetto, hydric	3	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Pompano, hydric	2	Flats on marine terraces	2
36—Shenks muck, frequently flooded				
	Shenks	85	Flood plains on marine terraces	1, 4
	Riviera	5	Drainageways on marine terraces, flood plains on marine terraces	2, 4
	Holopaw	5	Flood plains on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2, 4
	Terra ceia	5	Flood plains on marine terraces	1, 4
37—Ona fine sand				
	Ona, hydric	10	Flats on marine terraces	2
	St. Johns, depressional	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Placid, depressional	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
38—Holopaw fine sand				
	Holopaw, hydric	15	Flats on marine terraces	2

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39—Holopaw fine sand, depressional				
	Holopaw, depressional	85	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Pompano, hydric	8	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Riviera, depressional	7	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
42—Riviera fine sand, depressional				
	Riviera, depressional	70	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Winder	10	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Riviera	10	Flood plains on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2, 4
	Holopaw, depressional	10	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
43—Placid-Pompano association, frequently flooded				
	Placid	55	Flood plains on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Pompano	30	Drainageways on marine terraces, flood plains on marine terraces	2
	Samsula	15	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
50—Wabasso fine sand				
	Wabasso, hydric	10	Flats on marine terraces	2
51—Surrency fine sand, depressional				
	Surrency, depressional	80	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Pomona, depressional	10	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Tomoka	10	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
56—Mulat fine sand				
	Mulat, hydric	20	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Paisley	5	Flats on marine terraces	2
58—Wauchula fine sand				
	Wauchula, hydric	10	Flats on marine terraces	2
59—Floridana fine sand				
	Floridana, hydric	75	Flats on marine terraces	2

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60—Astor mucky fine sand, frequently flooded				
	Astor	75	Drainageways on marine terraces, flood plains on marine terraces	2, 4
	Holopaw	9	Flood plains on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2, 4
	Terra ceia	8	Flood plains on marine terraces	1, 4
	Pompano	8	Flood plains on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2
62—Monteocha sand, depressional				
	Monteocha, depressional	80	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Samsula	7	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Placid, depressional	7	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Surrency, depressional	6	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
63—Okeechobee muck				
	Okeechobee	90	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Placid	3	Flood plains on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Hontoon	3	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	St. Johns, depressional	2	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Samsula	2	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
64—Paisley loamy fine sand				
	Paisley	80	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Winder	10	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Riviera, hydric	10	Flats on marine terraces	2

Data Source Information

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