

## NRCS Planners

- During the first week of December 2013, ITS pushed WEPS ver. 1.3.9 to all NRCS computers that had WEPS ver. 1.2.9 installed. To identify which version of WEPS you are currently running, go to the WEPS main screen and click Help, About WEPS.
- If you plan and did not receive the WEPS 1.3.9 install, contact your local ITS representative to have it installed.
- The install **removed and replaced** *crops.zip*, *operations.zip* and climate data files including *CLIGEN* and *WINGEN* gis layers.
- The install also **removed** management template zip files (*CMZ\_XX,\_XX-XX.zip*) from the *Local Disk (C:) \ProgramData\USDA\Databases\NRCS\man* folder, but they were **not replaced**.
- The install **did not remove** crops, operations or management files saved to *local* folders.
- To utilize CMZ (crop management zone) management templates for your service area, follow the instructions below to download *CMZ\_XX,\_XX-XX.zip* files from the NRCS WEPS website.
  1. Go to the NRCS WEPS website located at <http://weru.ksu.edu/nrcs/wepsnrcs.html>
  2. Left click the *NRCS Downloads* link, and then left click the *WEPS\_Management\_templates (CMZ files)* link.
  3. **Right Click** the *CMZ\_XX,\_XX-XX.zip* file you want to download, **left click** *Save target as...*, navigate to the *Local Disk (C:) \ProgramData\USDA\Databases\NRCS\man* folder, then *Save*. CMZ maps of the US are also available for download from the *WEPS\_Management\_templates (CMZ files)* folder, if you are not sure which crop management zone you are working in.
 

**★★ Do Not Open or Extract the zip files - WEPS will read the files without extracting ★★**
- To update local management files previously saved in the *man*, *local* folder, and the management files in the *man*, *Example Mgt. files* folder, follow the instructions below.
  1. Start WEPS and open MCREW (Management Crop Rotation Editor for WEPS) by clicking the *Man* button on the lower left side of the Main WEPS screen
  2. On the MCREW screen, click Tools, *Update WEPS Management files, select directory (recursive)*. Choose the *C:\ProgramData\USDA\WEPS\Databases\NRCS\man\local* folder, then click *Yes, update the WEPS management files now*.
  3. Repeat the recursive update for management files in the *man*, *Example Mgt. files*, folder.
  4. If you receive a WEPS Translation File warning during this operation, click *Ok* and continue.
  5. If you receive an error message that an operation or crop file was not found, choose an alternate or skip.

## Public use / Non NRCS Planners / TSPs (Technical Service Providers)

- WEPS ver. 1.3.9 is available to the public from the following USDA Agricultural Research Service web page: <http://ars.usda.gov/services/software/download.htm?softwareid=416>
- Complete the Download Form for access to the installer, download the software, and install.
- Update local management files previously saved in the *man*, *local* folder, and management files in the *man*, *Example Mgt. files* folder, following instructions above
- Download new *CMZ\_XX,\_XX-XX.zip* management templates files as needed, following the instructions above.