
Guidance for Use of Engineering Software for Field Office

(a) Introduction

This supplement to Part 650 of the National Engineering Field Handbook contains the list of engineering software approved for use in NRCS Field Offices in Florida. Documentation of Florida developed software is either contained in the appendices to this chapter or referenced as appropriate. Documentation of National NRCS developed software is available from the national NRCS web page.

(b) Approved Engineering Software

Approved engineering software is listed in the Index of Approved Engineering Software. This list is dynamic and will be updated as existing software is revised and new software is added to the list. Engineering computer software used by NRCS Field Office employees and are not on the approved list should be sent to the state conservation engineer (SCE) for review and approval. The use of any engineering software not on the Florida approved list or NRCS CCE web site is discouraged, but

will be acceptable provided the results are checked by an approved method.

(c) Use of Engineering Software

Engineering software is a tool that can be used in the planning, design, and certification of conservation practices and can vastly increase an employee's productivity and quality of work. However, individuals using engineering computer software should have a working knowledge of the software and know the software's limitations. Use of engineering software for specific jobs is the responsibility of the user and is subject to the individual's engineering job approval authority. Users of engineering software should not "blindly" accept the answers, but should know if the results are appropriate for the situation. Training in use of the approved engineering software should be requested through appropriate channels.

(d) Distribution of Engineering Software

The SCE will notify field and area offices of all approved engineering software. Software will be posted on the Florida NRCS eFOTG for downloading. Software not available for downloading may be requested from the State Conservation Engineer.

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