United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service

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HIGHLY ERODIBLE LAND AND WETLAND CONSERVATION DETERMINATION

Name Address:		Request Date:	County:
Agency or Person Requesting Determination:		Tract No:	FSA Farm No.:

Section I - Highly Erodible Land

Is a soil survey now available for making a highly erodible land determination?	
Are there highly erodible soil map units on this farm?	

Fields in this section have undergone a determination of whether they are highly erodible land (HEL) or not; fields for which an HEL Determination has not been completed are not listed. In order to be eligible for USDA benefits, a person must be using an approved conservation system on all HEL.

Field(s)	HEL(Y/N)	Sodbust (Y/N)	Acres	Determination Date

The Highly Erodible Land determination was completed in the

Section II - Wetlands

Fields in this section have had wetland determinations completed. See the Definition of Wetland Label Codes for additional information regarding allowable activities under the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act and/or when wetland determinations are necessary to determine USDA program eligibility.

Field(s)	Wetland Label*	Occurrence Year (CW)	Acres	Determination Date	Certification Date

The wetland determination was completed in the It was to the person on _____

Remarks:

I certify that the above determinations are correct and were conducted in accordance with policies and procedures contained in the National Food Security Act Manual.

Signature Designated Conservationist	Date

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*DEFINITIONS OF WETLAND LABELS

AW	Artificial Wetland: An area that was formerly a non-wetland area under natural conditions but now exhibits wetland characteristics because of the influence of human activities. These areas are exempt from the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended. This label includes irrigation induced wetlands.
CC	Commenced Conversion: A wetland, farmed wetland, farmed wetland pasture, or converted wetland on which the conversion began but was not completed before December 23, 1985, was approved by FSA to continue, and the conversion was completed by January 1, 1995.
CPD	COE Permit with Mitigation: A converted wetland authorized by a permit issued under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Production of agricultural commodities is allowed subject to conditions of the permit.
CMW	Categorical Minimal Effect: A wetland that meets specific categories of conversion activities that have been determined by NRCS to have minimal effect, individually and cumulatively, on the functions and values of the wetland and the wetlands in the watershed.
CW	Converted Wetland: A wetland converted between December 23, 1985, and November 28, 1990. Production of an agricultural commodity or additional manipulation of these areas will yield UDSA benefit ineligibility. Also, these areas are wetlands converted after December 23, 1985, by a county, drainage district, or similar entity. For these instances, production of an agricultural commodity or forage for mechanical harvest or additional manipulation will cause ineligibility for USDA program benefits.
CW+year	Converted Wetland + (year the conversion occurred): A wetland converted after November 28, 1990, where the USDA program participant is ineligible for benefits until the wetland is restored or mitigated unless an exemption applies.
CWNA	Converted Wetland Non-Agricultural Use: A wetland converted after November 28, 1990, to a use other than agricultural commodity production. Label not used for certified wetland determinations completed after 2/2008.
CWTE	Converted Wetland Technical Error: A wetland converted or commenced after December 23, 1985, based on an incorrect NRCS determination. This label does not apply to obvious wetlands as defined in the National Food Security Act Manual.
FW	Farmed Wetland: A wetland that was manipulated and planted before December 23, 1985, but still meets inundation or saturation criteria. These areas may be farmed and maintained as documented before December 23, 1985, as long as they are not abandoned (i.e., management or maintenance for commodity production ceased for 5 consecutive years).
FWP	Farmed Wetland Pasture or Hayland: A wetland that is used for pasture or haying, was manipulated and planted before December 23, 1985, but still meets the inundation or saturation criteria. These areas may be farmed and maintained as documented before December 23, 1985, as long as they are not abandoned (i.e., management or maintenance for commodity production ceased for 5 consecutive years).
MIW	Mitigation Exemption: A converted wetland, farmed wetland or farmed wetland pasture of which the acreage, functions and values lost have been compensated for through an NRCS-approved mitigation plan.
MW	Minimal Effect Exemption: A converted wetland that is exempt from the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, based on an NRCS determination that the conversion has or will have a minimal effect, individually and cumulatively, on the functions and values of the wetland and the wetlands in the watershed.
MWM	Mitigation Site: The site of wetland restoration, enhancement, or creation serving as mitigation for the mitigation exemption (MIW) site.
NI	Not Inventoried: An area where no wetland determination has been conducted. Label not used for certified wetland determinations completed after 2/2008.
NW	Non-Wetland: An area that does not contain a wetland. Also includes wetlands converted before December 23, 1985, but a commodity crop was not produced and the area does not meet wetland criteria (not been abandoned).
PC	Prior-Converted Cropland: A wetland converted to cropland before December 23, 1985, and as of December 23, 1985, was capable of being cropped and did not meet farmed wetland hydrology criteria. These areas are not subject to the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, unless further drainage manipulation affects adjacent wetlands.
PC/NW	Prior Converted Cropland/Non-Wetland: An area that contains both PC and NW.
TP	Third-Party Exemption: A wetland converted after December 23, 1985, by a third party who is not associated with the participant, and the conversion is not a result of a scheme or device. A third party does not include predecessors in interest on the tract, drainage districts, or other local government entities.
W	Wetland: An area meeting wetland criteria that was not converted after December 23, 1985. These areas include farmed wetlands and farmed wetland pasture that have been abandoned.
WX	Manipulated Wetlands: A wetland manipulated after December 23, 1985, but the manipulation was not for the purpose of making production possible and production was not made possible. These areas include wetlands manipulated by drainage maintenance agreements.

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