

Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities – Assisting Producers with Accessing FSA Farm Records and Other Eligibility Information

Grant Recipient Training

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Overview

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

PARTNERSHIPS FOR CLIMATE-SMART COMMODITIES

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is investing over **\$3.1 billion** in **141 selected** Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities projects.

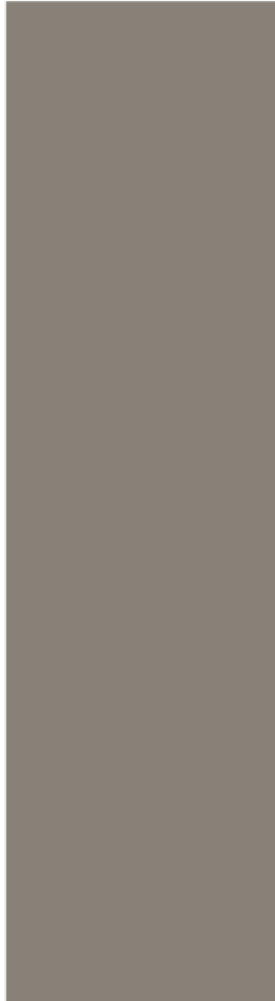
Adoption of climate smart practices allows farmers access to new markets for climate smart commodities. By providing support for climate smart practice implementation, USDA can help farmers absorb risk associated with practices that often have high up front cost.

Expanding Climate-Smart Markets

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Marketing and promotion activities that will build and expand markets for the commodities being produced using climate-smart practices with premiums going to producers.

Greenhouse Gas Measurement, Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MMRV) is critical to build consumer trust and build markets. Projects will test innovative MMRV systems for feasibility, affordability and low transaction costs.



Producer Benefits

- Additional and **expanded markets** for climate-smart commodities
- **Increased market price premiums** and profits
- **Incentives** for producing climate-smart commodities
- **Assistance with marketing** climate-smart commodities
- **Training and technical assistance** on climate-smart commodity production and practices
- **Cost share** and incentives to implement climate-smart practices
- More productive agricultural land and **increased yields**
- **Lower fertilizer and other input costs**
- **Increased resilience** to climate and weather event impacts
- **Understanding of climate-smart benefits** on your farm

Status (Project Dashboard)



Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Projects

Expanding Climate-Smart Commodity Markets



55
States & Territories



133
Projects



102
Major Commodities

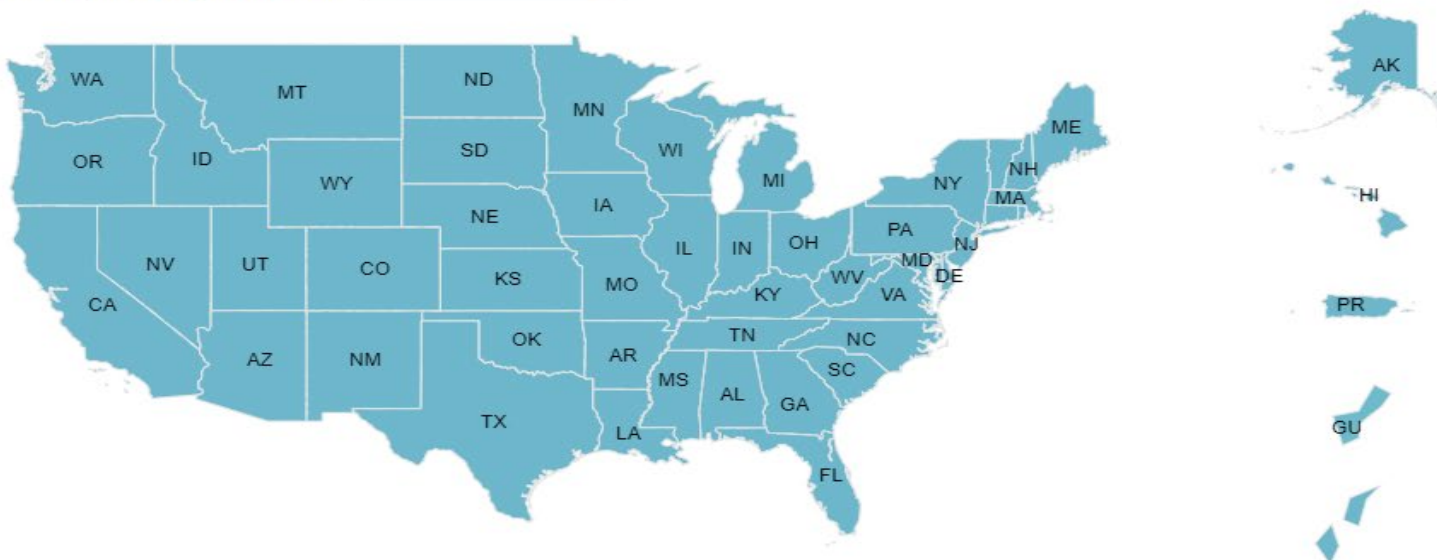


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Practices



\$3.02 B
Federal Funding*

Click on a state to filter the map or use drop-down menu.



*Total funding for all projects that potentially impact this area, commodity(ies), practice(s) and project(s) as filtered.

COMMODITIES



Search Commodities:

PRACTICES

Search Practices:

LEAD PARTNERS

Search Lead Partners:



Producer Roles/Responsibilities

To be eligible for an incentive payment as a part of the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities, a producer must:

- Establish Farm Records with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) (have farm, tract, and fields numbers in place);
- Complete an AD-2047 (Customer Data Worksheet to facilitate the collection of customer data for Business Partner Record);
- Certify highly erodible land conservation (HEL) and wetland conservation (WC) compliance via Form AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification; and
- Certify that they are not a foreign person or entity.



Producer Roles/Responsibilities Continued

Farm, tract, and field numbers are required for the producer, and ultimately the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Grant Recipient, to report climate-smart practice implementation to USDA, as well as to certify and maintain HELC/WC compliance.

This will require that some producers that do not already have these numbers, like new producers, perennial crop growers or forest landowners establish these records with USDA.

Producers are not bound by the payment limitations and adjusted gross income (AGI) limitations.



Producer Roles/Responsibilities Continued

To demonstrate HELC/WC compliance for Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities incentive payments, producers will need to provide a copy of their subsidiary print to the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Grant Recipient as proof of compliance.

The Subsidiary Print will also be used to show foreign person certification.

A current year subsidiary print will be required for each crop year that the producer receives a payment.

Producers will need to have control of the land for the term of their beneficiary contract.

Roles and Responsibilities –

Reporting and Duplicate Payments:

Grant recipients will provide required reporting and attest that producers and landowners will not be involved in multiple USDA programs that fund the same practice on the same land.

Producers must ensure and certify that they are not receiving a payment for the same practice on the same land at the same time such as Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) enrollment.

Federal funds under this funding opportunity may not be used to pay for implementation of the same practice on the same land, but funding may be used to enhance a practice or to further incentivize the climate-smart commodity generated, especially with respect to early adopters.

Reminder: Make sure to check with the producer that they don't have other contractual or legal responsibilities on the land that would prevent them from applying practices under Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities such as Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Producer Roles/Responsibilities Continued

- FSA Tract Maps will show land that is enrolled in CRP
- NRCS practices **will not** be shown on the FSA Tract Maps



Grant Recipient Responsibility Highlights Related to Producer Enrollment

At minimum, the grant recipient will collect and review subsidiary reports from participating producers. They will ensure that the producer is listed as “compliant” in all sections of the conservation compliance portion of subsidiary and “certified” for AD-1026 before an incentive payment is made.

They will also check that the Subsidiary Print for "Foreign Person" indicates "Not Applicable".

Farm, tract, field numbers, and producer name will be provided to the National Program Officer as a part of routine grant reporting.

Subsidiary Print Example

- Subsidiary Print will be used to show compliance with Conservation Compliance, the AD1026 is filed as well as foreign person flags.

2024 Individual Citizenship Country - UNITED STATES
Resident Alien Flag - N/A

SCIMS Links
- New York

Summary Eligibility Information
Recording County: New York
Office Phone:

	2024
AD-1026	Certified
First Time Producer Filing AD-1026	Yes
Date First Time Filing AD-1026	10/26/2023
Affiliate Violation for RMA	No
Actively Engaged Determination	Actively Engaged
Actively Engaged - 2002 Farm Bill	Not Filed
AGI - 75% Rule	No
AGI - 2020	
AGI - 2014 and 2018 Farm Bills	Compliant-Producer
AGI - 2008 Farm Bill - Commodity	
AGI - 2008 Farm Bill - Direct \$750,000	
AGI - 2008 Farm Bill - Direct \$1 Million	
AGI - 2008 Farm Bill - Conservation	Not Filed
AGI - 2002 Farm Bill	Not Filed
Beginning Farmer or Rancher	Yes
Cash Rent Tenant Determination	Eligible
Cropland Factor	1.0000
Conservation Compliance-Farm/Tract	In Compliance
Highly Erodible Land Conservation	Compliant
Planted Converted Wetland	Compliant
Converted Wetland	Compliant
Controlled Substance	No Violation
Delinquent Debt	No
Federal Crop Insurance	Requirements Not Met
Foreign Person	Not Applicable

Grant Recipient Responsibility Related to Producer Enrollment

Grant Recipients

Grant recipients are responsible for determining producer eligibility within the funding opportunity requirements.

Partners will inform producers of eligibility requirements and direct them to local USDA offices for requested information as necessary, including but not limited to, farm and tract establishment, FSA Tract Maps, Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Compliance determinations.

Privacy of producers is a priority through this process.



Grant Recipient Responsibility Highlights Related to Producer Enrollment Continued

As is the case already, field offices will not be expected to provide documentation to anyone besides the producer themselves unless the producer has provided a written authorization, according to normal policy.

Types of items that the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Grantees may request with producer's written authorization include:

- Current Subsidiary Print showing HELC/WC conservation compliance certification and foreign person status
- FSA Tract Maps for land that will be enrolled in a Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Grant



Requesting Records for Existing FSA/NRCS Producers



Existing FSA Producers

- Producers may authorize release of FSA records to Climate Smart Partners in writing.
- The producer must specify the information they are requesting to be released to the third party and sign the request such as:
 - FSA Tract Maps (PDF)
 - Subsidiary Print
- The request must have an end date to the authorization
- Signature of the producer or authorized representative of the entity that is filed with FSA

Existing FSA Producers

FSA Tract Map (Pdf)



All producer shares 100% unless otherwise indicated
 Planting Pattern = Solid unless otherwise indicated

2024 Program Year
 Map Created February 21, 2024

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) maps are for FSA Program administration only. This map does not represent a legal survey or reflect actual ownership; rather it depicts the information provided directly from the producer and/or 2022 National Agricultural Imagery Program (NAIP) imagery. The producer accepts the data 'as is' and assumes all risks associated with its use. USDA-FSA assumes no responsibility for actual or consequential damage incurred as a result of any user's reliance on this data outside FSA Programs. Wetland identifiers do not represent the size, shape, or specific determination of the area. Refer to your original determination (CPA-026 and attached maps) for exact boundaries and determinations or contact USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).
 All fields are non-irrigated unless otherwise noted

Subsidiary Print Example Page 1

- Subsidiary Print will be used to show compliance with Conservation Compliance, the AD1026 is filed as well as foreign person flags.

2024 Individual

Citizenship Country - UNITED STATES
Resident Alien Flag - N/A

SCIMS Links

- New York

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Subsidiary Print Example Continued

Farm/Tract Information for All Tracts

2024								
New York								
Farm	Tract	Relationship to Farm Tract	Highly Erodible Land		Converted Wetland		Planted Converted Wetland	
			Determination	Producer Exception	Violation	Producer Exception	Violation	Producer Exception
24	2835	Other Tenant	Classified as not HEL	None	None	None	None	None
116		Operator		None		None		None
116	2826	Operator	HEL: Determinations not complete	None	None	None	None	None
120		Operator		None		None		None
120	2828	Operator	HEL: Determinations not complete	None	None	None	None	None
2324		Operator		None		None		None
2324	2592	Operator	HEL: Determinations not complete	None	None	None	None	None
4281		Operator		None		None		None



Assisting New Customers





Producers that do not have FSA Farm Records Established

- Climate Smart Partners may act as the agent of any producer not already associated with FSA to establish producer and farm records by providing a request from the producer in writing.
- The producer must specify the information that the third party is providing to FSA and sign the request.
- Producers must also provide all documentation required to establish FSA records to the third party and complete and sign all required forms.
- The third party will provide to FSA the signed request from the producer and all required documentation and completed forms to enable FSA to create the records.



New FSA Producers

- Business Partner Customer Record needs to be created (11-CM)
 - AD-2047 to collect information to be entered into Business Partner
 - Need to know how they are operating (individual/business) should match how taxes are filed
 - LLCs can file taxes as a partnership or as a corporation, either would be considered an LLC for FSA purposes
- Farm Records Established (10-CM, par 11-13)
 - Owner of property
 - Must be able to be verified through online access or proof provided to office
 - Operator of property
 - Generally, requires verification from owner or lease signed by owner



New FSA Producers Form AD-2047

- Eligibility Forms Needed
 - AD-2047

Forms Approved – OMB No. 0560-0265
OMB Expiration Date: 01/31/2027

AD-2047 (01-08-24)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency Rural Development Natural Resources Conservation Service Risk Management Agency Agricultural Marketing Service	
CUSTOMER DATA WORKSHEET			
<p>NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is the Computer Security Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-235), OMB Circular A-123, Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982, and Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The information will be used to document a request by the producer for updating the business partner record. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notices for AMS-3, Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA), USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated), USDA/NRCS-1, Landowner, Operator, Producer, Cooperator, or Participant Files, and USDA/RD-1, Applicant, Borrower, Grantee, or Tenant File. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to request changes within the business partner record.</p> <p>Public Burden Statement (Paperwork Reduction Act Statement): According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0560-0265. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 3 minutes (.05 hours) per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.</p> <p>The provisions of criminal and civil fraud, privacy and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.</p>			
PART A CUSTOMER INFORMATION			
1. Reason for Request (Check appropriate box(es) below):			
<input type="checkbox"/> New Customer <input type="checkbox"/> Update Existing Customer Record			
2A. Customer's Full Name or Business Name and Address (Including Zip Code)		2B. Customer Business Type (Example: Individual, Corporation, LLC, Estate, Trust, etc.)	
2C. Home Telephone Number (Area Code)	2D. Business Telephone Number (Area Code)	2E. Mobile Telephone Number (Area Code)	
2F. Email Address		2G. Does the customer want to receive sensitive (but non-PII) Producer or farm specific related emails? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
3A. Taxpayer Identification Number (Complete TIN for new customer or last 4 digits for existing customer) and Type (SSN, EIN, ITN, etc)		3B. Birthdate (Only required if the customer is a minor)	
3C. Citizenship Status: (For Individuals Only)		3D. Originating Country (For Foreign Entities Only)	
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Resident Alien (I-551 Required) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a US Citizen or Resident Alien Citizenship country if not US:			

New FSA Producers CCC-901

- Eligibility Forms Needed (Continued)
 - CCC-901 (Entities Only)

OMB Control Number: 0560-0297
 Expiration Date: 09/30/2024

+ This form is available electronically.

CCC-901 (01-07-21) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Commodity Credit Corporation

MEMBER'S INFORMATION

1. County [REDACTED]

2. State [REDACTED]

3. Program Year [REDACTED]

NOTE: *The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a – as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is 7 CFR Part 1400, the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.), the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-79), and the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334). The information will be used to identify members of a legal entity. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility for program benefits.*

Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Statement: *This information collection is exempted from the Paperwork Reduction Act as specified in 7 U.S.C. 9091(c)(2)(B).*

Public Burden Statement: *For CFAP 2.0 and QLA only, public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, completing (providing the information), and reviewing the collection of information. You are not required to respond to the collection, or USDA may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The provisions of criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.*

PART A - For each individual or entity who is a member of this entity, list the member's name, social security/employer identification number, address and percentage share of ownership. If a member has both types of identification numbers, list both.

Name of Legal Entity [REDACTED] Complete Tax ID Number [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]

1. Member's Name	2. SSN or Tax ID Number <i>(Last 4 digits if already on file)</i>	3. Address	4. Percent Share	5. Does this member have signature authority for the legal entity? <i>(Yes or No)</i>
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] %	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] %	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

New FSA Producers CCC-901 Page 2

- Eligibility Forms Needed (Continued)
 - CCC-901 (Entities Only)

Part E. Foreign Persons - For any Member or Shareholder who is a foreign person, provide the following:			
7A. Citizenship Status - Is each Member and Shareholder of the legal entity identified in Part A, and any embedded entity identified in Parts C, D and E a U.S. Citizen?			
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, all members/shareholders are US Citizens - Go to Part F <input type="checkbox"/> NO, one or more members/shareholders is not a US Citizen - Complete Item 7B			
7B. For each member or shareholder (direct or embedded) who is not a US Citizen, provide the following:			
(1) Name of Individual	(2) This individual has a valid Form I-551	FOR FSA USE ONLY	
		Form I-551 Presented to FSA	CCC Initials
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="text"/>
PART F - CERTIFICATION - By Signing:			
- I certify that I have signature authority for the entity identified in Part A and all information entered on this document is true and correct - I understand that furnishing incorrect information will result in forfeiture of payments and benefits. - I will timely provide written notification to the Farm Service Agency committees for the county and State listed on this form of any changes in the information provided.			
1. Representative's Signature (By)	2. Title/Relationship of Individual Signing in the Representative	3. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

New FSA Producers AD-1026

- Eligibility Forms Needed (Continued)
 - AD-1026 (all producers)

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(See Page 2 for Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Statements)

AD-1026
(10-30-14)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Farm Service Agency

HIGHLY ERODIBLE LAND CONSERVATION (HELIC) AND WETLAND CONSERVATION (WC) CERTIFICATION



Read attached AD-1026 Appendix before completing form.

PART A – BASIC INFORMATION

1. Name of Producer [Redacted]	2. Tax Identification Number (Last 4 digits) [Redacted]	3. Crop Year [Redacted]
4. Names of affiliated persons with farming interests. Enter "None," if applicable. [Redacted]		
<i>Affiliated persons with farming interests must also file an AD-1026. See Item 7 in the Appendix for a definition of an affiliated person.</i>		
<p>5. Check one of these boxes if the statement applies; otherwise continue to Part B.</p> <p>A. <input type="checkbox"/> The producer in Part A does not have interest in land devoted to agriculture. Examples include bee keepers who place their hives on another person's land, producers of crops grown in greenhouses, and producers of aquaculture AND these producers do not own/lease any agricultural land themselves. Note: Do not check this box if the producer shares in a crop.</p> <p>B. <input type="checkbox"/> The producer in Part A meets all three of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • does not participate in any USDA program that is subject to HELC and WC compliance except Federal Crop Insurance. • only has interest in land devoted to agriculture which is exclusively used for perennial crops, except sugarcane, and • has not converted a wetland after February 7, 2014. <p>Perennial crops include, but are not limited to, tree fruit, tree nuts, grapes, olives, native pasture and perennial forage. A producer that produces alfalfa should contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service at the nearest USDA Service Center to determine whether such production qualifies as production of a perennial crop.</p> <p>Note: If either box is checked, and the producer in Part A does not participate in Farm Service Agency (FSA) or Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs, the full tax identification number of the producer must be provided, but establishment of detailed farm records with FSA is not required. Go to Part D and sign and date.</p>		



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- Eligibility Forms Needed (Continued)
 - AD-1026 (all producers)

PART B - HELC/WC COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS		
Indicate YES or NO to each question. <i>If you are unsure of whether a HEL determination, wetland determination, or NRCS evaluation has been completed, contact your local USDA Service Center.</i>	YES	NO
6. During the crop year entered in Part A or the term of a requested USDA loan, did or will the producer in Part A plant or produce an agricultural commodity (including sugarcane) on land for which an HEL determination has not been made?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Has anyone performed (since December 23, 1985), or will anyone perform any activities to:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A. Create new drainage systems, conduct land leveling, filling, dredging, land clearing, or excavation that has NOT been evaluated by NRCS? <i>If "YES", indicate the year(s):</i> <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Improve or modify an existing drainage system that has NOT been evaluated by NRCS? <i>If "YES", indicate the year(s):</i> <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Maintain an existing drainage system that has NOT been evaluated by NRCS? <i>If "YES", indicate the year(s):</i> <input type="text"/> Note: Maintenance is the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of the capacity of existing drainage systems to allow for the continued use of wetlands currently in agricultural production and the continued management of other areas as they were used before December 23, 1985. This allows a person to reconstruct or maintain the capacity of the original system or install a replacement system that is more durable or will realize lower maintenance or costs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Note: If "YES" is checked for Item 7A or 7B, then Part C must be completed to authorize NRCS to make an HELC/WC and/or certified wetland determination on the identified land. If "YES" is checked for Item 7C, NRCS does not have to conduct a certified wetland determination.		
8. Check one or both boxes, if applicable; otherwise, continue to Part C or D.		
A. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box only if the producer in Part A has FCIC reinsured crop insurance and filing this form represents the <u>first time</u> the producer in Part A, including any affiliated person, has been subject to HELC and WC provisions.		
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if either of the following applies to the producer and crop year entered in Part A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a tenant on a farm that is/will not be in compliance with HELC and WC provisions because the landlord refuses to allow compliance, but all other farms not associated with that landlord are in compliance. (AD-1026B, Tenant Exemption Request, must be completed). • Is a landlord of a farm that is/will not be in compliance with HELC and WC provisions because of a violation by the tenant on that farm, but all other farms not associated with that tenant are in compliance. (AD-1026C, Landlord or Landowner Exemption Request, must be completed). 		



New FSA Producers AD-1026 Appendix

- Eligibility Forms Needed (Continued)
 - AD-1026- Appendix

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AD-1026 Appendix
(10-30-14)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Farm Service Agency

APPENDIX TO FORM AD-1026 HIGHLY ERODIBLE LAND CONSERVATION (HELC) AND WETLAND CONSERVATION (WC) CERTIFICATION

1. Overview

The following conditions of eligibility are required for a producer to receive any U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) loans or other program benefits that are subject to the highly erodible land conservation (HELC) and wetland conservation (WC) provisions. Unless an exemption has been granted by USDA, the producer agrees to all of the following on all farms in which the producer, and any affiliated person to the producer (as specified in 7 CFR Part 12), has an interest:

- **NOT** to plant or produce an agricultural commodity on highly erodible land or fields unless being farmed in accordance with a conservation plan or system approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- **NOT** to plant or produce an agricultural commodity on a wetland that was converted after December 23, 1985.
- **NOT** to have converted a wetland after November 28, 1990, for the purpose, or to have the effect, of making the production of an agricultural commodity possible on such converted wetland.
- **NOT** to convert a wetland by draining, dredging, filling, leveling, removing woody vegetation, or any other activity that results in impairing or reducing the flow and circulation of water in a way that would allow the planting of an agricultural commodity.
- **NOT** to use proceeds from any Farm Service Agency farm loan, insured or guaranteed, or any USDA financial assistance program, in such a way that might result in negative impacts to a wetland, except for those projects evaluated and approved by Natural Resources Conservation Service.



Questions???