

For: State and County Offices

Updating FSA Wetland Points Layers

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1 Overview

A Background

Notice CP-619 was issued to determine if all NRCS wetland determinations were being included in FSA’s wetland points GIS layer. The survey results showed inconsistencies throughout the nation about the determinations that are currently being included in the layer.

B Purpose

This notice:

- advises County Offices about which wetland determinations to include in the wetland points GIS layer
- instructs County Offices to update their wetland points layer
- obsoletes Notice CP-623.

2 Determinations To Include and Updating the Wetland Points Layer

A NRCS Wetland Determinations To Be Included in the FSA Wetland Points Layer

NRCS issued wetland determinations to USDA participants using CPA-026 and CPA-026E. FSA’s wetland points GIS layer shall:

- reflect **all** determinations issued to producers on the forms
- be limited to determinations issued to producers on the forms.

Disposal Date	Distribution
July 1, 2008	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Determinations To Include and Updating the Wetland Points Layer (Continued)

B Updating the Wetland Points Layer

The wetland points layer shall be updated with the applicable determinations as indicated in subparagraph A. County Offices shall compare CPA-026 or CPA-026E issued to producers with the wetland points GIS layer. Any determinations on CPA-026 or CPA-026E issued to producers but not in the layer shall be added to the layer. Any points in the layer that are **not** present on CPA-026 or CPA-026E issued to producers shall be removed from the layer. The layer is edited using the wetland toolbar in the CLU Maintenance Tool. See the ArcGIS CLU Maintenance Tool User Guide or contact your State GIS Specialist if assistance is needed with using the wetland toolbar. Record the following attributes for each wetland point:

- NRCS wetland label
- acreage of the wetland, if known
- whether the wetland is certified or inventoried
- date the wetland was certified
- State and county code for physical location of the wetland.

Note: The wetland points GIS layers shall be up updated by May 1, 2008.

3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices update their wetland points GIS layers according to subparagraph 2 B.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall update their wetland points GIS layers according to subparagraph 2 B.