

Appendix to Form for AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELCS) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification

The following conditions of eligibility are required for persons to receive any USDA loans or other program benefits that are subject to highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions, unless an exemption has been granted by USDA.

By signing Form AD-1026, Item 13, the producer certifies receipt of this form, and unless an exemption has been granted by USDA, agrees to the following on any farms in which such person has an interest.

A	NOT to plant or produce an agricultural commodity on highly erodible fields unless actively applying an approved conservation plan or maintaining a fully applied conservation system.
B	NOT to plant or produce an agricultural commodity on wetlands converted after December 23, 1985.
C	NOT to convert wetlands by draining, dredging, filling, leveling, or any other means that would allow the planting of any crop, pasture, agricultural commodity, or other such crops.
D	NOT to use proceeds from any FSA farm loan, insured or guaranteed, received after December 23, 1985, for a purpose that will contribute to the conversion of a wetland to produce an agricultural commodity, or contribute to excessive erosion of highly erodible land as determined by NRCS.

NOTE: Signature on Form AD-1026 gives representatives of USDA authorization to enter upon and inspect all farms in which the producer has an interest for the purpose of confirming the above statements.

Any questions concerning the requirements of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, shall be directed to your County FSA Office personnel before signing AD-1026 in Item 13.

NOTE: The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. The authority for requesting the following information to be supplied on this form is the Food Security Act of 1985, Pub. L. 99-198, and regulations promulgated under the Act (7 CFR Part 12). The information will be used to determine eligibility for program benefits and other financial assistance administered by USDA agencies. The information may be furnished to other USDA agencies, IRS, Department of Justice, or other State and Federal law enforcement agencies, and in response to orders of a court magistrate or administrative tribunal. Furnishing the Social Security Number is voluntary. Furnishing the other requested information is voluntary; however, failure to furnish to correct, complete information will result in a determination of ineligibility for certain program benefits and other financial assistance administered by USDA agencies. The provisions of criminal and civil fraud statutes, including 18 USC 286, 287, 371, 641, 1001; 15 USC 714m; and 31 USC 3729, may be applicable to the information provided by the produce on this form.

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 0560-0185. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 15 minutes 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. **RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM AD-1026 TO YOUR COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA) OFFICE (address printed in Item 6 of AD-1026A).**

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

(See Page 2 for Public Burden and Privacy Act Statements).

1. Name of Producer	2. I.D. Number <i>(Last 4 digits only)</i>	3. Current Crop Year
4. Do all your farming interests have current NRCS determinations? <i>If "NO", contact your County FSA Office before completing this form.</i>	YES	NO
5. Are you a landlord on any farm that will not be in compliance with HELC and WC provisions? <i>If "YES", enter the farm number at the end of this statement, or contact your County FSA Office before completing this form:</i>		
6. Do any of your landlord refuse to comply with HELC requirements on any farms? <i>If "YES", enter the farm number at the end of this statement, or contact your County FSA Office before completing this form:</i>		
7. List affiliated persons with farming interests. <i>See Page 2 for an explanation. Enter "NONE", if applicable.</i>		
8. During the crop year entered in Item 3 above, or the term of a requested USDA loan, did or will you plant or produce an agricultural commodity on land for which a highly erodible determination has not been made?	YES	NO
9. On any land in which you have an interest, has anyone conducted any activities (since December 23, 1985) or will anyone conduct any activities (during the current crop year or the term of a requested USDA loan) to: (a) Create new drainage, conduct land leveling, filling, dredging, land clearing, or stump removal that has not been evaluated by NRCS? Indicate year if answered "YES": _____ (b) Maintain, improve, or modify an existing drainage that has not been evaluated by NRCS? Indicate year if answered "YES": _____		
10. Will you conduct any activities for fish production, trees, vineyards, shrubs, building construction, or other non-agricultural purposes on lands for which a wetland determination has not been completed by NRCS?		

If answers to Item 8, 9, or 10 are:

"YES" for any one of these items, sign and date in Item 11 below. A "YES" answer authorizes FSA to refer this AD-1026 to NRCS to make a HELC and or certified wetland determinations. **DO NOT** sign in Item 13 until the NRCS determination is complete.

"NO" for all of these items, complete Item 13. *(Contact your County FSA Office if you are unsure about the answers to Items 9 or 10.)*

11. Signature of Producer	I hereby certify that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. _____ Date: (MM-DD-YYYY)	
12. Referral to NRCS <i>(Completed by FSA)</i>	Enter a checkmark if a NRCS determination is needed because "YES" is answered in Items 8, 9, or 10. <input type="checkbox"/>	Signature of FSA Representative Date (MM-DD-YYYY)

NOTE: Before signing in Item 13, Read AD-1026 Appendix.

Continuous AD-1026 Certification

I understand and agree that my eligibility for certain USDA program benefits is contingent upon this certification of compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions of the 1985 Food Security Act as amended. This agreement shall serve as a continuous certification and agreement for subsequent crop years. For current and subsequent crop years:

- I agree to the terms and conditions stated on AD-1026 Appendix on all land in which I have or will have an interest.
- I agree that if there are any changes in my operation or activities that may affect compliance with these provisions, I will file a revised AD-1026.
- I agree to file any required exemption requests for each applicable crop year.
- I understand that affiliated persons are also subject to compliance with these provisions and their failure to comply or file AD-1026 will result in loss of eligibility to persons or enterprises with whom they are affiliated. *(Affiliated person rules are printed on Page 2 of this form.)*

13. Producer Sign Here

Date (MM-DD-YYYY)

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