

For: State and County Offices

NRCS National Bulletin 180.8.3

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 NRCS National Bulletins

A Background

In agreement with NRCS, it was determined that each agency should share information about jointly-administered programs.

B Purpose

This notice provides:

- information about disseminating NRCS National Bulletins that affect ongoing work with FSA
- NRCS National Bulletin 180.8.3.

C Disseminating NRCS National Bulletins

NRCS will provide National Bulletins that affect work with FSA to the National Office. The National Office will provide NRCS National Bulletins to County Offices in a CM notice.

D NRCS National Bulletin 180.8.3

Exhibit 1 provides NRCS National Bulletin 180.8.3.

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

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The following is NRCS National Bulletin 180.8.3.



United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service



NB.180.8.3 - , CPA – FSA Wetland Points Geographic Information System (GIS) Points Layer

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Purpose. To give the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff information about Farm Service Agency (FSA) instructions for updating the FSA wetland points GIS layer.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2008

Background. FSA maintains the wetland points GIS layer based on NRCS-CPA-026 forms.

Explanation. FSA issued Notice CP-624 (attached) on January 28, 2008, asking FSA County Offices to update the wetland points GIS layer. The notice also advises the County Offices which wetland determinations to include in the wetland points GIS layer. FSA consulted with NRCS in drafting the notice and NRCS concurs with the actions to be taken. FSA will place on the wetland points GIS layer all wetland determinations that were issued to producers on forms NRCS-CPA-026 or NRCS-CPA-026E. Wetlands currently shown on the wetland points GIS layer that are not supported by a CPA-026 or CPA-026E will be removed.

FSA will designate the wetlands as either “certified” or “inventoried” based on the CPA-026 data. “Inventoried” wetlands in this context refer to non-certified wetland determinations that were provided to the USDA program participant on forms CPA-026 or CPA-026E.

The revised wetland identifiers will be displayed on FSA maps as new maps are printed.

NRCS [National Bulletin 180-8-1, Fact Sheet and PowerPoint Presentation Concerning the Farm Service Agency \(FSA\) Geographic Information Systems \(GIS\) Points Layer](#), provides additional information concerning the FSA wetland points GIS layer.

Contact. For further information or clarification regarding wetland determination identifiers, contact the Wetland Conservation Program Manager at (202) 690-2825.

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