

For: State and County Offices

Updating CLU Attribute Data

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1 Maintaining Accurate CLU Attribute Data

A Background

Recent findings have indicated that State and County Offices have **not** included or maintained all of the attributes associated with CLU in the CLU attribute table. Some counties have:

- farm and tract numbers with a value of “9999”
- CLU classification codes with a value of “0”
- a blank in fields that require an entry.

Inaccurate attribute information, such as farm and tract numbers and CLU classification codes, have resulted in an inability to properly identify CLU’s managed by FSA. Using invalid data can also lead to the production of inaccurate maps, which can result in erroneous decision-making by all levels of management as well. Therefore, it is imperative that every CLU contain complete and accurate attribute information as part of their CLU data.

B Purpose

This notice emphasizes the importance of maintaining accurate CLU attribute data.

C Maintaining Complete and Accurate CLU Attribute Data

It is very important for CLU to be accurate and up-to-date for program use and reporting purposes.

The following attribute fields must contain complete and accurate CLU data:

- farm number
- tract number
- CLU number
- CLU ID
- CLU classification code

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- HEL code
- State code
- county code
- administrative State
- administrative county.

Note: The “Comments Attribute” field can remain blank, if appropriate. However, it is requested that comments be consistent within each State.

County Offices shall:

- identify and update CLU attribute data for all digitized polygons containing a value of “9999”, “0”, or other similar coding schemas
- rectify any incorrect CLU ID’s in the “CLU ID Attribute” field by using the “Fix CLU ID” button in the CLU Maintenance Tool
- delete all digitized polygons that are a result of a County Office out-transfer to avoid duplication of data.

Note: Users have the option to export all digitized polygons that **do not** have an associated farm and tract number as a shapefile or geodatabase for future availability.

D State Office Action

State Office GIS specialists shall:

- ensure that County Offices follow the provisions of this notice
- e-mail Alanda Crawford, PECD, at alandacrawford@wdc.usda.gov with any questions about this notice.

E County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- follow the provisions of this notice
- contact their State Office GIS specialist with any questions about this notice.