

For: State and County Offices

Update on New Wetland Points Symbology, Legend, and Disclaimer

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1 Overview

A Background

A new wetland points layer symbology, legend, and disclaimer to be included on all Common Land Unit (CLU) maps was recently introduced with the deployment of ArcGIS CLU, Version 4.1.13 Maintenance Tool. This has raised many concerns and questions in State and County Offices including pre-printed maps for acreage reporting and CLU certification that still include the blue dot symbology, maps stored in jpeg (or other image formats) that still include the blue dot symbology, and maps that are printed from other applications that do not utilize the wetland points layer.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices of the following:

- what maps can continue to include the old wetland points layer symbology (blue dots)
- what maps must include the new wetland points layer symbology, legend, and disclaimer
- what maps do not need to include the wetland points layer
- what maps shall not include the wetland points layer.

2 Types of Maps and Appropriate Wetland Points Layer Symbology

A Maps That May Include the Old Wetland Points Layer Symbology (Blue Dots)

The following maps may include the old wetland points layer symbology:

- 2007 crop year acreage reporting maps that have already been created and printed or stored as jpeg's (or other image formats)
- CLU certification maps that have already been created and printed or stored as jpeg's (or other image formats) in counties which are in the certification process.

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

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2 Types of Maps and Appropriate Wetland Points Layer Symbology (Continued)

B Maps That Must Include the New Wetland Points Layer Symbology, Legend, and Disclaimer

The following maps **must** include the new wetland points layer symbology, legend, and disclaimer:

- all future (beginning with the 2008 crop year) acreage reporting maps
- CLU certification maps for counties where the certification process has not been started
- maps created for reconstitutions, acreage changes, and other similar processes.

C Maps That Do Not Need to Include the Wetland Points Layer

Maps printed from applications that do **not** utilize the wetland points layer (such as Land Use) do **not** need to include the wetland points layer.

D Maps That Shall Not Include the Wetland Points Layer

Maps created for public distribution shall **not** include the wetland points layer.

3 State and County Office Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- ensure that CLU maps being produced at their County Offices follow the guidelines of this notice about when and which wetland points layer symbology, legend, and disclaimer should be used
- contact the National Office with concerns and questions about other types of maps that may be created, printed, and/or distributed.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- follow the guidelines of this notice to ensure that the wetland points layer is included and displayed appropriately on CLU maps
- contact their State GIS Specialist/Coordinator with concerns and questions about this notice and other types of maps that may be created, printed, and/or distributed.