

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

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SUBJECT: Wetland Preliminary Technical Determination

TRACT: 8072  
Administrative County: Cass, Iowa

This is to notify you the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has made a certified wetland determination on the tract listed above. This preliminary technical determination (PTD) is made in accordance with the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, and was made in response to the completion of form AD-1026 received by NRCS on 03/28/2023.

The results of the PTD are shown on the enclosed **NRCS-CPA-026-WC "Certified Wetland Determination" form and Certified Wetland Determination Map**. The determination was conducted in accordance with the National Food Security Act Manual, 1987 US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Wetland Delineation Manual, corresponding USACE Regional Supplements, and/or State Offsite Methods for Wetland Identification.

Wetlands are identified through the confirmation of three factors:

Presence of Hydrophytic Vegetation:

Hydrophytic vegetation means plants growing in water or in a substrate that is at least periodically deficient in oxygen during a growing season as a result of excessive water content (7 CFR § 12.31(b)).

Presence of Hydric Soils:

Hydric soil means soil that, in its undrained condition, is saturated, flooded, or ponded long enough during a growing season to develop an anaerobic condition that supports the growth and regeneration of hydrophytic vegetation (7 CFR § 12.31(a)).

Presence of Wetland Hydrology:

Wetland hydrology means inundation or saturation by surface or groundwater during a growing season at a frequency and duration sufficient to support a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation (7 CFR § 12.31(c)).

If wetlands are indicated on the **Certified Wetland Determination Map** and **NRCS-CPA-026** attached, the following eligibility rules apply. In order to maintain USDA program eligibility, program participants must not produce an agricultural commodity on wetlands converted after December 23, 1985 and must not convert a wetland after November 28, 1990 for the purpose or to have the effect of making the production of an agricultural commodity possible.

The 2014 Farm Bill connected producer eligibility for Federal crop insurance premium subsidy to compliance with the wetland conservation provisions. Eligibility for most USDA programs is lost for any wetland conversions that have occurred after December 23, 1985. However, only wetland conversions that occur after February 7, 2014 result in ineligibility for the Federal crop insurance premium subsidy.

**If you agree** with this PTD, it will become final 30 calendar days after you receive this notification, and no further action is required.

**If you do not agree** with this PTD, you may request a reconsideration field visit or mediation within thirty days of receipt of this letter. Your request should be made in writing to the above office address and should state clearly what you are appealing and why you believe the determination is in error. For further information on the appeals process, please see the attached Appeals Information sheet. If no reconsideration field visit or mediation is requested within thirty days of receipt of this letter, this PTD will become a final technical determination (FTD) with further appeal rights as described in the attached Appeals Information sheet.

This certified wetland determination has been conducted for the purpose of implementing the Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended. This determination may not be valid for identifying the extent of Clean Water Act jurisdiction for this site. If you intend to conduct any activity that constitutes a discharge of dredged or fill material into wetlands or other waters, you should contact the local district office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers prior to starting work.

If you are the owner of this tract of land and have a tenant, I urge you to discuss this preliminary determination with your tenant. Likewise, if you are the tenant of this tract of land, you are urged to discuss this letter with your landlord.

If you have any questions, please contact me at: (712) 563-4248 or [matthew.burud@usda.gov](mailto:matthew.burud@usda.gov).

Sincerely,

*Matthew Burud*

Matthew Burud  
Wetland Specialist

Enclosures: NRCS-CPA-026-WC, Wetland Determination Map, Appeals Information

Cc: Jeremy Barnes, DC, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Atlantic Field Office  
Max Dirks, CED, Farm Service Agency, Cass County Field Office

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**CERTIFIED WETLAND DETERMINATION**

<b>1. Name:</b>	Joel Wahlert	<b>2. Location County:</b>	Cass
<b>3. Address:</b>	3071 Thrush Ave Exira, IA	<b>4. Admin. County:</b>	Cass
<b>5. Request Form:</b>	AD-1026	<b>6. Farm Number:</b>	6820
<b>7. Request Date:</b>	03/28/2023	<b>8. Tract Number:</b>	8072

This certified wetland determination identifies areas subject to the wetland conservation provisions of the 1985 Food Security Act, as amended. See the attached Definitions of Wetland Labels and Uses for additional information and currently authorized activities under the Act.

Field	Label	Occurrence Year (CW+YEAR)	Acreage
1	PC/NW		100.46

**9. Remarks:** Areas identified as Potential Jurisdictional Waters (PJW) are not subject to the Food Security Act but are potentially subject to the Clean Water Act. You should contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers local district office prior to performing work in areas which may be subject to the Clean Water Act. Areas identified as PJW are for informational purposes only and are not appealable to USDA. Additional areas, not identified by NRCS, might also be subject to the Clean Water Act.

I certify that the above determinations are sufficient for the purpose of making a determination of eligibility for program benefits and were conducted in accordance with policies and procedures contained in the National Food Security Act Manual.

<b>10. Signature Designated Conservationist</b>	<b>Date</b>
<i>Matthew Burud</i>	12/19/2023



Farm: 6820  
Tract: 8072  
Geographic County: Cass  
Administrative County: Cass  
Customer: Joel Wahlert

# Wetland Determination



Map Creation Date: 12/19/2023

Location: T74N, R35W, Sec 30  
5th Meridian

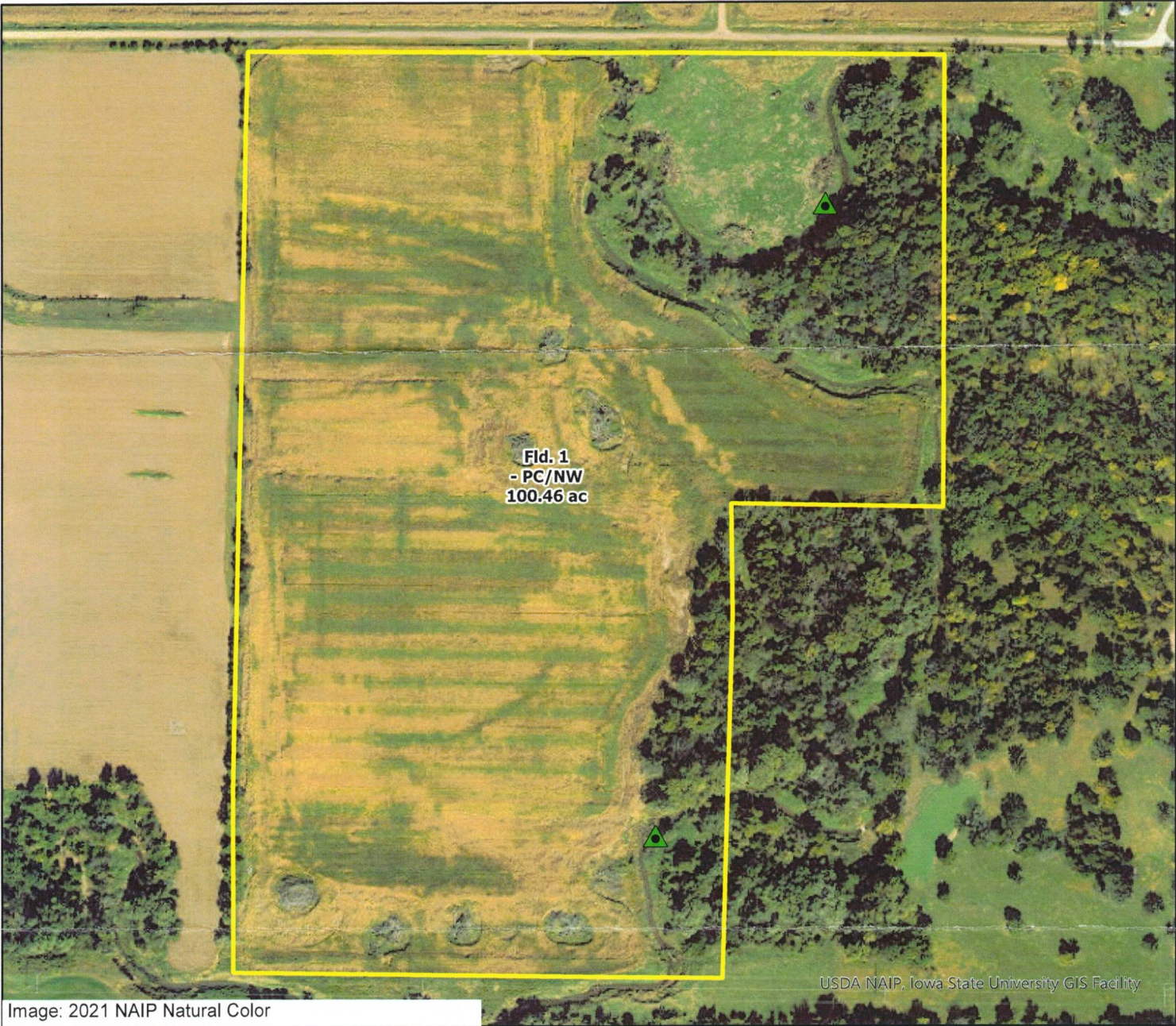


Image: 2021 NAIP Natural Color

▲ Potential Jurisdictional Waters

Site\_CWD

Wetland Label

PC/NW (Prior Converted/Nonwetland)

Iowa - Orthophotos

Iowa - 2023 NAIP Orthophotos

RGB

Red: Band\_1

Green: Band\_2

Blue: Band\_3

This certified wetland determination has been conducted for the purpose of implementing the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended. No determination is made or implied in the unlabeled portions of the map. If land manipulations are planned in unlabeled areas which do not have previous determinations, a new determination should be requested.

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Scale: 1:4,961

