

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FarmServiceAgency

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

Read attached AD-1026 Appendix before completing form.

PART A – BASIC INFORMATION

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| 1. Name of Producer | 2. Tax Identification Number (Last 4 digits) 6341 | 3. Crop Year 2015 |
| 4. Names of affiliated persons with farming interests. Enter "None," if applicable. None | | |
| Affiliated persons with farming interests must also file an AD-1026. See Item 7 in the Appendix for a definition of an affiliated person. | | |
| 5. Check one of these boxes if the statement applies; otherwise continue to Part B. | | |
| A. <input type="checkbox"/> The producer in Part A does not have interest in land devoted to agriculture. Examples include bee keepers who place their hives on another person's land, producers of crops grown in greenhouses, and producers of aquaculture AND these producers do not own/lease any agricultural land themselves. Note: Do not check this box if the producer shares in a crop. | | |
| B. <input type="checkbox"/> The producer in Part A meets all three of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • does not participate in any USDA program that is subject to HELC and WC compliance except Federal Crop Insurance. • only has interest in land devoted to agriculture which is exclusively used for perennial crops, except sugarcane, and • has not converted a wetland after February 7, 2014. | | |
| Perennial crops include, but are not limited to, tree fruit, tree nuts, grapes, olives, native pasture and perennial forage. A producer that produces alfalfa should contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service at the nearest USDA Service Center to determine whether such production qualifies as production of a perennial crop. | | |
| Note: If either box is checked, and the producer in Part A does not participate in Farm Service Agency (FSA) or Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs, the full tax identification number of the producer must be provided, but establishment of detailed farm records with FSA is not required. Go to Part D and sign and date. | | |

PART B - HELC/WC COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS

| Indicate YES or NO to each question. If you are unsure of whether a HELC determination, wetland determination, or NRCS evaluation has been completed, contact your local USDA Service Center. | YES | NO |
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| 6. During the crop year entered in Part A or the term of a requested USDA loan, did or will the producer in Part A plant or produce an agricultural commodity (including sugarcane) on land for which an HELC determination has not been made? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Has anyone performed (since December 23, 1985), or will anyone perform any activities to: | | |
| A. Create new drainage systems, conduct land leveling, filling, dredging, land clearing, or excavation that has NOT been evaluated by NRCS? If "YES", indicate the year(s): _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| B. Improve or modify an existing drainage system that has NOT been evaluated by NRCS? If "YES", indicate the year(s): _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| C. Maintain an existing drainage system that has NOT been evaluated by NRCS? If "YES", indicate the year(s): _____ Note: Maintenance is the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of the capacity of existing drainage systems to allow for the continued use of wetlands currently in agricultural production and the continued management of other areas as they were used before December 23, 1985. This allows a person to reconstruct or maintain the capacity of the original system or install a replacement system that is more durable or will realize lower maintenance or costs. | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Note: If "YES" is checked for Item 7A or 7B, then Part C must be completed to authorize NRCS to make an HELC/WC and/or certified wetland determination on the identified land. If "YES" is checked for Item 7C, NRCS does not have to conduct a certified wetland determination. | | |
| 8. Check one or both boxes, if applicable; otherwise, continue to Part C or D. | | |
| A. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box only if the producer in Part A has FCIC reinsured crop insurance and filing this form represents the <u>first time</u> the producer in Part A, including any affiliated person, has been subject to HELC and WC provisions. | | |
| B. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if either of the following applies to the producer and crop year entered in Part A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a tenant on a farm that is/will not be in compliance with HELC and WC provisions because the landlord refuses to allow compliance, but all other farms not associated with that landlord are in compliance. (AD-1026B, Tenant Exemption Request, must be completed). • Is a landlord of a farm that is/will not be in compliance with HELC and WC provisions because of a violation by the tenant on that farm, but all other farms not associated with that tenant are in compliance. (AD-1026C, Landlord or Landowner Exemption Request, must be completed). | | |

PART C – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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| 9. If "YES" was checked in Item 6 or 7, provide the following information for the land to which the answer applies: | |
| A. Farm and/or tract/field number: | #658 T1452 |
| If unknown, contact the Farm Service Agency at the nearest USDA Service Center. | |
| B. Activity: | Tiling – Need determination in non-ag area |
| C. Current land use (specify crops): | Trees/grasses |
| D. County: | Buchanan |

PART D – CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

I have received and read the AD-1026 Appendix and understand and agree to the terms and conditions therein on all land in which I (or the producer in Part A if different) and any affiliated person have or will have an interest. I understand that eligibility for certain USDA program benefits is contingent upon this certification of compliance with HELC and WC provisions and I am responsible for any non-compliance. I understand and agree that this certification of compliance is considered continuous and will remain in effect unless revoked or a violation is determined. I further understand and agree that:

- all applicable payments must be refunded if a determination of ineligibility is made for a violation of HELC or WC provisions.
- NRCS may verify whether a HELC violation or WC has occurred.
- a revised Form AD-1026 must be filed if there are any operation changes or activities that may affect compliance with the HELC and WC provisions. I understand that failure to revise Form AD-1026 for such changes may result in ineligibility for certain USDA program benefits or other consequences.
- affiliated persons are also subject to compliance with HELC and WC provisions and their failure to comply or file Form AD-1026 will result in loss of eligibility for applicable benefits to any individuals or entities with whom they are considered affiliated.

Producer's Certification:

I hereby certify that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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| 10A. Producer's Signature (By) | 10B. Title/Relationship (If Signing in Representative Capacity) | 10C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY) |
| | | 8-18-15 |
| FOR FSA USE ONLY (for referral to NRCS) Sign and date if NRCS determination is needed. | 11A. Signature of FSA Representative <i>Lynn Boer</i> | 11B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY) 8-19-15 |

IMPORTANT: If you are unsure about the applicability of HELC and WC provisions to your land, contact your local USDA Service Center for details concerning the location of any highly erodible land or wetland and any restrictions applying to your land according to NRCS determinations before planting an agricultural commodity or performing any drainage or manipulation. Failure to certify and properly revise your compliance certification when applicable may: (1) affect your eligibility for USDA program benefits, including whether you qualify for reinstatement of benefits through the Good Faith process; and (2) result in other consequences.

NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is 7 CFR Part 12, the Food Security Act of 1985 (Pub. L. 99-198), and the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-79). The information will be used to certify compliance with HELC and WC provisions and to determine producer eligibility to participate in and receive benefits under programs administered by USDA agencies. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated) and USDA/FSA-14, Applicant/Borrower. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of producer ineligibility to participate in and receive benefits under programs administered by USDA agencies.

This information collection is exempted from the Paperwork Reduction Act as specified in the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-79, Title II, Subtitle G, Funding and Administration). The provisions of appropriate criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. **RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM AD-1026 TO YOUR COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA) OFFICE.**

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HIGHLY ERODIBLE LAND AND WETLAND CONSERVATION DETERMINATION

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| Name Address: | | Request Date: 8/19/2015 | County: BUCHANAN |
| Agency or Person Requesting Determination: | FSA | Tract No: 1452 | FSA Farm No.: 658 |

Section I - Highly Erodible Land

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| Is a soil survey now available for making a highly erodible land determination? | Yes |
| Are there highly erodible soil map units on this farm? | Yes |

Fields in this section have undergone a determination of whether they are highly erodible land (HEL) or not; fields for which an HEL Determination has not been completed are not listed. In order to be eligible for USDA benefits, a person must be using an approved conservation system on all HEL.

| <u>Field(s)</u> | <u>HEL(Y/N)</u> | <u>Sodbust(Y/N)</u> | <u>Acres</u> | <u>Determination Date</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | N | N | 66.4 | 3/28/1988 |
| 2 | N | N | 11.0 | 3/28/1988 |
| 3 | N | N | 40.25 | 3/28/1988 |
| 4 | N | N | 7.1 | 3/28/1988 |
| 5 | N | N | 1.0 | 3/28/1988 |

The Highly Erodible Land determination was completed in the Office.

Section II - Wetlands

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| Are there hydric soils on this farm? | Y |
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Fields in this section have had wetland determinations completed. See the Definition of Wetland Label Codes for additional information regarding allowable activities under the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act and/or when wetland determinations are necessary to determine USDA program eligibility.

| <u>Field(s)</u> | <u>Wetland Label*</u> | <u>Occurrence Year (CW)**</u> | <u>Acres</u> | <u>Determination Date</u> | <u>Certification Date</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | PC/NW | | 66.4 | 11/6/2002 | 11/6/2002 |
| 2 | PC/NW | | 11.0 | 11/6/2002 | 11/6/2002 |
| 3 | PC/NW | | 40.25 | 11/6/2002 | 11/6/2002 |
| 4 | PC/NW | | 7.1 | 11/6/2002 | 11/6/2002 |
| 5 | PC/NW | | 1.0 | 11/6/2002 | 11/6/2002 |
| 6 | NA Not Determined | | 7.1 | | |
| 7 | PC/NW | | 9.3 | 9/12/2016 | 9/12/2016 |

The wetland determination was completed in the field. It was mailed to the person on 11/6/2002, 9/12/2016.

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| Remarks: | Threatened or Endangered species or their habitat may occur within the area of this determination. Section 7 Consultation (Federal Agency) or Section 10 Consultation (Private Individuals) with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and/or consultation with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) may be required. Proof of completed consultation with the USFWS and/or the IDNR must be submitted to NRCS prior to NRCS providing Technical (TA) or Financial (FA) assistance on projects, or portions thereof, that may affect threatened or endangered species or their habitats. All Flowing streams are the jurisdiction of the Army Corp of Engineers |
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I certify that the above determinations are correct and were conducted in accordance with policies and procedures contained in the National Food Security Act Manual.

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Wetland Determination Map

Land Owner:

Tract & Farm #

Legal Description:

Certification Office:

T1452 F658

T. 89N., R.10W Sec 33

New Hampton FO

Certified By:

Map Creation Date:

Determination County:

Ben Kuennen

9/12/2016

Buchanan



USDA, Iowa State University

Agency: USDA-NRCS

Legend



Certified Wetland
Determination Boundary



Wetlands



Surface Drain



Berm/Dike



Subsurface Drain



Boundary Point



Data Form Point

Picture Point

1:5,100

200 400 800 1,200
Feet

Wetland Codes

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| W | Wetland | FWP | Farmed Wetland Pasture |
| CW | Converted Wetland | MIW | Mitigation Exemption |
| CW+yr | Converted After 1990 | NW | Non Wetland |
| FW | Farmed Wetland | PC | Prior Converted Cropland |
| AW | Artificial Wetland | | |

This Determination is valid for the area within the Dashed Red Line(Determination Boundary)