

Instructions for AD-1026
Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC)
Certification

Producers shall use this form to certify compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions as a condition of eligibility for certain USDA programs. It is not necessary to complete this form if a previously filed AD-1026 is on file in the FSA serving office and there have not been any changes in your farming operation or changes to the previously listed affiliates.

Submit the original of the completed form in hard copy or facsimile to the appropriate FSA servicing office.

Customers who have established electronic access credentials with USDA may electronically transmit this form to the USDA servicing office, provided that (1) the customer submitting the form is the only person required to sign the transaction, or (2) the customer has an approved Power of Attorney (Form FSA-211) on file with USDA to sign for other customers for the program and type of transaction represented by this form.

Features for transmitting the form electronically are available to those customers with access credentials only. If you would like to establish online access credentials with USDA, follow the instructions provided at the USDA eForms web site.

Producers must complete Items 1 through 11, then sign and date in Item 12 as applicable. Item 13 is for FSA use only.

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Producer's Name

Enter your full name or the name of the business entity applying for USDA program benefits.

2

Producer's Identification Number

Enter the last 4 digits of your social security number or the last 4 digits of the entity tax identification number.

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Current Crop Year

Enter the crop year for which benefits are being requested. In most cases it will be the current crop year. However, if you are applying for program benefits for a past year, enter the specific year applicable to your application.

In certain cases, the information included on form AD-1026A must be reviewed before the questions in Items 4 through 7 can be accurately answered. You may request a copy of your AD-1026A(s), Supplement to AD-1026, from the FSA servicing office that maintains records of your farming interests. The AD-1026A is a computer generated list of farm tracts and fields that have been identified for HELC and WC verification.

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Farming
Interests

Enter an X in the YES or NO box.

If YES is marked, continue to Item 5.

If NO is marked, and you are not a farm loan applicant, proceed to Item 12 for certification signature and date.

If NO is marked and you are a farm loan applicant, proceed to Item 5.

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For farm loan applicants only
Enter an X in the YES or NO box.

This question includes fish production, trees, vineyards, shrubs, building construction or other activities.

Item 5 may be left blank for if not a farm loan applicant.

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Landlord or Tenant Compliance

Enter an X in the YES or NO box.

Mark YES in this block if an agricultural commodity is being produced:

1 on highly erodible fields without applying an approved conservation system or plan or

2 on wetlands converted after December 23, 1985.

Also mark YES if wetlands have been converted after November 28, 1990.

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Landlords refusal to comply with HELC requirements

Enter an X in the YES or NO box.

Mark YES if your landlord refuses to apply a required conservation system or plan on a highly erodible field on a farm on which you are a tenant.

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List of

Affiliated Persons with farming interests

List all affiliated persons with farming interests. Page 3 of the form AD-1026 lists the affiliates for each of the types of producer entities.

Affiliates with farming interests are also required to complete an AD-1026.

If there are no affiliated persons to list, enter none in the space
 provided.

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 Production of Agricultural Commodities
 Enter an X in the YES or NO box.

 Mark YES if there are any fields which you intend to plant
 (or planted), an agricultural commodity which has not received a highly
 erodible land determination from NRCS.

 If you check YES, FSA will request a HEL determination from NRCS for the
 specific field(s).

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 Drainage Evaluation Questions

 Enter an X in the YES or NO box for each of the Items A, B and C.

 These questions refer to drainage activity. If you check YES to Items
 10A or 10B, FSA will request a Wetland evaluation from NRCS for the
 specific area listed in Item 11.

 A YES response to Item 10C (maintenance) does not require a certified
 wetland determination. NRCS will be notified of your intentions to
 maintain an existing drainage system.

 11

 Location of Drainage System

 This Item must be completed only if a YES was marked in Item 5 or 10.
 List the Farm number, tract number and field number. Briefly describe
the
 activity and current land use. List the location county.

 12

 Producers Signature and Date

 Read the Continuous AD 1026 certification statement above Item 12 and
sign
 and date the certification.

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You should not sign the AD 1026 if your farming operation is not in
compliance with all highly erodible land and wetland conservation
provisions.
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~~Item 13 FSA USE ONLY~~