

National Food Security Act Manual
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Part 527 – Appendix

KS527.4 Wetland Criteria/Indicators/Procedures

II. Criteria

Hydrophytic Vegetation Criteria

(b) *Hydrophytic vegetation.*

(4) Use the National Food Security Act Manual (NFSAM) where the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is required to complete a wetland determination on cropped fields. In the event vegetation has been altered or removed, NRCS will determine if a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation typically exists on this area by the use of a comparison site. Comparison sites will have similar hydric soils, hydrology, vegetative cover, and they will occur in similar undisturbed land forms.

The wetland delineator will follow the [Interim Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Great Plains Region](#), for sampling and documenting Hydrophytic vegetation on naturally vegetated comparison sites.

All three wetland criteria must be sampled on site, documents, and recorded in the Kansas Comparison Site Database. The comparison site should be photographed during the growing season which will strengthen the use and value of a comparison site. This documentation will be kept in the respective field office or area office in administrative files 190-13-14.