

Helping with your Wetland Determination

Landowners are responsible to provide any evidence they may have that documents the land they want convert to cropland is not a wetland. To help with the process of making the determination, the landowner can provide the following types of documentation:

- **Dated receipts for tile purchased, ditch work done, or land cleared**
- **Cropping history data from FSA or personal records**
- **Tile and ditch maps with year installed**
- **County tile and ditch maps**
- **Drawings of tile locations or other activities**
- **Plans showing past work with dates completed**
- **Dated Photos – new or old**
- **A history of when the property was purchased and how the land has been used**

To make the determination, NRCS makes field visits and uses any current information in our files, along with soils surveys, vegetative reports, aerial landuse imagery, laser elevation imagery, etc. Any information landowners provide will give NRCS a better understanding of the land's history and why the site would not be considered a wetland.

Both the Farm Bill and the Freedom of Information Act consider this information to be protected private information that cannot be shared with any other agency or person.

Title 7 of Code of Federal Regulation Part 12.5(b)(7) – The 1985 Food Security Act and its subsequent Amendments. Responsibility to provide evidence. It is the responsibility of the person seeking an exemption related to converted wetlands under this section to provide evidence, such as receipts, crop history data, drawings, plans or similar information, for purposes of determining whether the conversion or other action is exempt in accordance with this section.

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