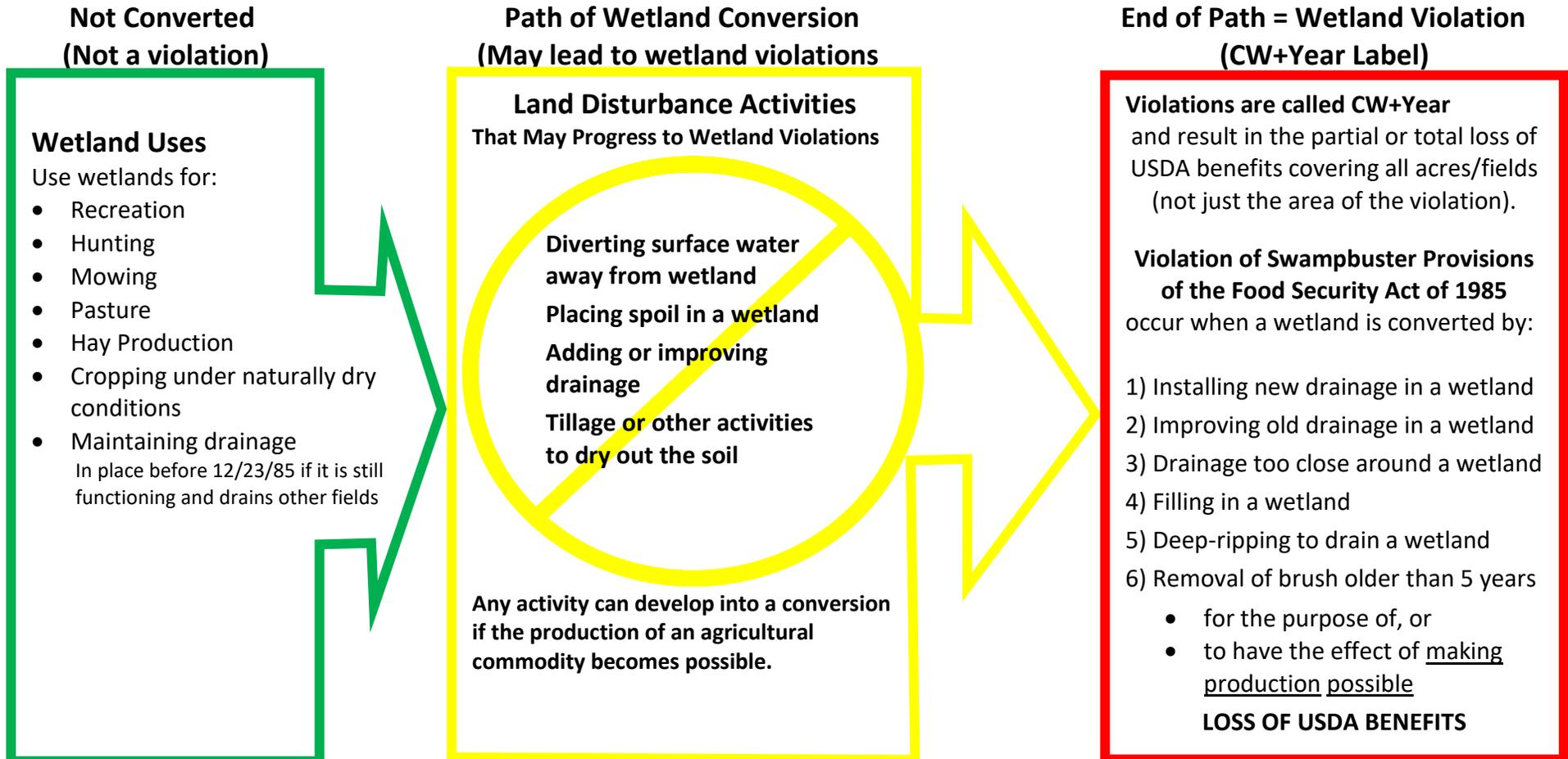


AVOIDING WETLAND VIOLATIONS IN A HERBACEOUS/OPEN WETLAND

Disturbance Activities May Lead To Wetland Violations = Loss of USDA Program Benefits

Maintain wetlands in natural conditions to remain eligible for USDA benefits. **Avoid activities shown below in the middle graph. To avoid wetland conversions and violations** do not carry out any land disturbance activities. Leave the area as a natural wetland to ensure natural processes occur.



A Person shall be ineligible for USDA benefits if “the person converts a wetland by draining, dredging, filling, leveling, removing woody vegetation or other means for the purpose, or to have the effect, of making production of an agricultural commodity possible. 7CFR12 (Code of Federal Regulations, Title 7, Part 12

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