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# Federal Responsibilities and Delineation Procedures on Agricultural Lands

# Agency Responsibilities

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## Under a 1994 Memorandum of Agreement:

- NRCS is the lead agency for delineating wetlands on agricultural lands for both Food Security Act and Clean Water Act purposes
- NRCS identifies “other waters” in coordination with the Corps

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- The Corps identifies wetlands on non-agricultural lands where NRCS is not involved
- NRCS identifies wetlands on non-agricultural lands, in consultation with FWS and in coordination with the Corps, for USDA program participants

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- The National Food Security Act Manual is used to make wetland determinations on agricultural lands
- The Corps manual is used to identify wetlands on all non-agricultural lands, including narrow bands and pockets within agricultural lands

# Agricultural Lands

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Lands intensively used and managed for the production of food and fiber. Examples are cropland, hayland and pastures, including native pastures and rangeland, orchards, vineyards, areas that support wetland crops (e.g., cranberries, taro, watercress, or rice), other lands used to produce or support the production of livestock, and small tree farms.