**Farmlands Protection (CEST and EA) - PARTNER**

https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/farmlands-protection

1. **Does your project include any activities, including new construction, acquisition of undeveloped land or conversion, that could convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use?**

[ ]  Yes 🡪 *Continue to Question 2.*

[ ]  No

🡪 *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

1. **Does your project meet one of the following exemptions?**
* Project on land already in or committed to urban development or used for water storage ([7 CFR 658.2(a)](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2010-title7-vol6/pdf/CFR-2010-title7-vol6-sec658-2.pdf)). To check whether the project location is located in an urbanized area, use the following US Census Bureau application: [TIGERweb](https://tigerweb.geo.census.gov/tigerwebmain/TIGERweb_main.html)
* Construction limited to on-farm structures needed for farm operations
* Construction is limited to new minor secondary (accessory) structures such as a garage or storage shed
* [ ]  Yes 🡪 *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination*
* [ ]  No 🡪 *Continue to Question 3.*
1. **Does “important farmland,” including prime farmland, unique farmland, or farmland of statewide or local importance** **regulated under the Farmland Protection Policy Act, occur on the project site?**

You may use the links below to determine important farmland occurs on the project site:

* Utilize USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service’s (NRCS) Web Soil Survey <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm>
* Check with your city or county’s planning department and ask them to document if the project is on land regulated by the FPPA (zoning important farmland as non-agricultural does not exempt it from FPPA requirements)
* Contact NRCS at the local USDA service center <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs> or your NRCS state soil scientist [http://soils.usda.gov/contact/state\_offices/](http://soils.usda.gov/contact/state_offices/%20) for assistance

[ ]  No 🡪 *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.*

[ ]  Yes 🡪 *Continue to Question 4.*

1. **Consider alternatives to completing the project on important farmland and means of avoiding impacts to important farmland.**
* Complete form [**AD-1006**, “Farmland Conversion Impact Rating”](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1045394.pdf) and contact the state soil scientist before sending it to the local NRCS District Conservationist.
* Work with NRCS to minimize the impact of the project on the protected farmland. When you have finished with your analysis, return a copy of form AD-1006 to the USDA-NRCS State Soil Scientist or his/her designee informing them of your determination.

**Work with the RE/HUD to determine how the project will proceed. Document the conclusion:**

[ ] Project will proceed with mitigation.

**Explain in detail the proposed measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.**

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[ ] Project will proceed without mitigation.

 **Explain why mitigation will not be made here:**

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**Worksheet Summary**

Provide a full description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

* Map panel numbers and dates
* Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
* Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
* Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

**Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.**

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