

(c) The following land is not eligible for designation: (1) Land on which the ownership has changed during the 2-year period preceding the first year of the agreement period unless: (i) The new ownership was acquired by will or succession as a result of the death of the previous owner, or (ii) the land was acquired by the owner or operator to replace eligible land from which he was displaced because of its acquisition by any Federal, State, or other agency having the right of eminent domain. However a new owner shall not be prohibited from entering into an agreement if the person has operated the land to be designated for as long as 2 years preceding the first year of the agreement and has control of such land for the agreement period. The provisions of this subparagraph shall not prohibit the continuation of an agreement by a new owner after an agreement has once been entered into under this part.

(2) Land which is set aside or diverted under any other program administered by the Department of Agriculture.

(3) Land which is owned by the United States or a State or local government or political subdivision thereof.

(4) Land which is harvested in the first year of the agreement period prior to being designated, except for land on which timber is harvested in accordance with § 752.7(g).

(5) Types 1 through 7 wetlands which are common to more than one farm unless the portion of a wetland area located on the farm which controls the potential outlet for drainage is placed under agreement. After an agreement has been approved for the farm controlling the outlet for drainage, an agreement may be entered into with any or all other farms for other portions of the common wetland area if all agreements have the same beginning date as the farm controlling the outlet for drainage.

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§ 752.7 Use of designated acreage.

(a) The acreage designated under an agreement shall be maintained for the agreement period in a manner which

will preserve, restore or improve the wetland character of the land. Persons entering into an agreement shall devote the adjacent land to conservation uses as specified in the agreement.

(b) The designated acreage shall not be drained, burned, filled, or otherwise used in a manner which would destroy the wetland character of the acreage, except that the provisions of this paragraph shall not prohibit the carrying out of management practices which are specified in a conservation plan for the farm which is developed in cooperation with the Soil and Water Conservation District in which the farm is located.

(c) The designated acreage shall not be used as a dumping area for draining other wetlands. However, the county committee may authorize the use of the designated area to receive limited drainage waters upon a determination that such use is consistent with the sound management of wetlands and is specified in the conservation plan for the farm.

(d) The designated acreage shall not be used: (1) As a source of irrigation water or as acreage for a set-aside, land diversion, acreage reduction or other program, or (2) to meet the conserving base acreage requirement for any other program.

(e) No crop shall be harvested from the designated acreage and such acreage shall not be grazed, except as may be specified in the conservation plan for the farm except that the designated acreage may be grazed in the first year of the agreement period prior to the date the agreement is approved.

(f) During periods of severe drought, haying of the designated acreage may be approved under specified conditions which are prescribed by the Deputy Administrator in consultation with the Secretary of Interior or his designee.

(g) The harvesting of timber products may be permitted but only in accordance with a Forest Management Plan which is included in the conservation plan and which is approved by the State forester or equivalent State official.

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