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**SUBJECT:** Joint USDA Indiana Agreement on Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELCS) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification in Indiana.

**TO:** All NRCS and FSA Employees

The Food Security Act of 1985, as Amended, is the responsibility of both the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to jointly administer.

FSA guidance is found in 6-CP (Rev. 3), and NRCS guidance is found in the National Food Security Act Manual, Fourth Edition. This joint memorandum is designed to clarify and provide direction on how USDA-Indiana employees will administer the provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as Amended.

**FSA and NRCS in Indiana both agree that all employees of the respective agencies will follow the attached decisions and guidelines until changed by future joint agreement.**

Please direct all NRCS-related programmatic questions to Teresah Caire, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist - Programs, at (317) 290-3200 ext. 320; NRCS-related technical questions to Shannon Zezula, NRCS State Resource Conservationist, at (317) 290-3200 ext. 388; and FSA questions should be directed to Gail Peas, FSA Program Specialist, at (317) 290-3200 ext. 227.

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