Checklist for Environmental Compliance for FSA Applicants

1. When you complete your Application for FSA Services with your lender, you may be required to complete Form FSA-1940-20 “Request for Environmental Information”. This will depend upon the proposed size and scope of your operation. The form provides you opportunity to provide environmental information about the use and character of your property or the property you wish to purchase.

2. You should discuss with your guaranteed lender, the type operation you have or are proposing to construct. If you have a confined animal operation as explained by the lender, you will need:
   a. If an existing operation
      1. CAFO SOP Notice of Intent (CN-1147) form filed with Tennessee Department of Agriculture
      2. Copy of CAFO permit (if you are purchasing someone else’s farm, you must complete documentation to transfer the CAFO permit)
      3. Meet with NRCS representative discuss amount of land necessary for waste disposal based upon your soil samples.
   b. If a new operation is planned, please provide:
      1. Plans and specifications for construction and development of property
      2. Storm water Construction Notice of Intent (CN-0940) if more than one acre will be disturbed during construction
      3. A copy of your CAFO permit for your farm or a copy of your Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture approved Notice of Intent for a CAFO permit from TDEC.
   c. Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) if one doesn’t already exist. NRCS can provide the name and address of a qualified person to complete the CNMP.
      (NOTE: FSA or your lender should complete projected income and expense projections with you prior to you ordering or obtaining a CNMP. If a CNMP exists in someone else’s name for the farm you propose to own, you must complete form FSA 1940-5TN agreeing to follow the current CNMP requirements and you must provide a copy of a new third party hauling agreement if you plan for all livestock waste to be removed from your property.)

5. Once the CNMP is completed, please provide a copy to FSA along with your AD-1026, and CPA-026 so FSA can perform the environmental review.

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   4. Sign up with NRCS for:
      a. Wetland Determination if one hasn’t been done
b. Form CPA-026 if Determination has been made
c. Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) if one doesn’t already exist. **NRCS may be able to provide financial assistance for the cost of the CNMP, however, the CNMP is your responsibility.** (NOTE: FSA or your lender should complete a projected cash flow with you prior to ordering or obtaining a CNMP to assure your proposed operation will cash flow.)

5. FSA must have a completed AD-1026, and CPA-026 before it can complete an environmental review necessary for loan approval. **NOTE: Your lender can continue processing your loan while the CNMP is being written, however, the CNMP must be completed and a copy provided to before it will issue a guarantee for your loan.** The size (animal capacity) of your proposed operation determines the type of environmental review FSA must complete prior to loan approval. The local FSA Farm Loan Official can provide additional information about loan processing and an estimate of time to complete it.

**NO LAND CLEARING, SITE PREPARATION, OR CONSTRUCTION CAN BEGIN UNTIL THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IS COMPLETE AND FSA AUTHORIZES YOUR LENDER TO PROCEED. BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION WITHOUT FSA AUTHORIZATION WILL RESULT IN FSA ASSISTANCE BEING DENIED JEOPARDIZING YOUR LOAN.**