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Common Land Unit 8-CM (Revision 1)	Amendment 5
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Amendment Transmittal

A Reason for Amendment

Subparagraph 95 B has been amended to inform State and County Offices to delineate out any nonagricultural features from within CLU.

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94 Delineating Cropland CLU (Continued)

B Rules for Delineating

The following table describes the rules for delineating Cropland CLU's.

Type of Boundary	Rules for Delineating
Visible	<p>Lines defining a road boundary are delineated at the edge of the road, not the centerline of the road.</p> <p>A permanent fence line is delineated as observed on aerial photograph or annual photography.</p> <p>Note: Placement of newly installed permanent fence lines delineated according to producer measurements should be verified with annual photography (35 mm slides) and GPS, if available.</p> <p>The outside edge of established permanent waterways that are not cropped according to the visible boundary on aerial photograph or annual photography.</p> <p>Established grass backed terraces may be delineated according to the terrace boundaries on aerial photograph or annual slides.</p> <p>Forest lines are considered the edge of the tree line, not the shadow line.</p> <p>Irrigation patterns, such as pivot systems and corners, will not be delineated during the development of base-line CLU's.</p>
Management	<p>Crop line is the planting line where the producer consistently stops planting and begins planting another. The crops planted do not have to remain the same, but the line between crops should remain in the same place for 1 or more years before being used as a delineation line.</p> <p>Changes in chemical application rates, fertilizer rates, or tillage practices are not delineated as a boundary on the CLU layer.</p> <p>Changes in irrigation pattern or practice are not delineated as a boundary on the CLU layer.</p>
Ownership	<p>Where property boundaries fall at the centerline of a road, the land unit boundary shall be drawn at the edge of the road, not the centerline of the road.</p> <p>Property boundaries that do not follow a visible physical boundary, but do divide an otherwise contiguous CLU, shall be drawn according to the actual property boundary line.</p> <p>Property boundaries that fall at the centerline of a stream, creek, or river shall be drawn at the outside edge of the waterway, not the centerline of the waterway.</p>

95 Delineating Rangeland CLU

A Defining Rangeland CLU

Rangeland CLU’s:

- include herbaceous, shrub, brush, or mixed range that has native vegetation dominated by grasses, grasslike forbs, or shrubs
- include introduced forage species that are managed like rangelands
- do not need to be grazed
- are most commonly defined by physical boundary that is a permanent fence or other similar feature.

B Rules for Delineating

The following table describes the rules for delineating Rangeland CLU’s. This includes areas not originally digitized from the county photographs.

Type of Boundary	Rules for Delineating
Visible	A permanent fence line is delineated as observed on aerial photograph or annual photography. Placement of newly installed permanent fence lines delineated according to producer measurements should be verified with annual slides and GPS, if available. Temporary livestock fencing shall not be used as a boundary.
Management	None.
Ownership	Property boundaries that divide an otherwise contiguous CLU shall be drawn according the actual property boundary line. County plat maps can also be used as a guide.

***--Note:** Features, such as homesteads, barns, forest, etc., must be delineated out from any CLU that is used in determining acreage for calculation of FSA benefits, including but not limited to, LFP, NAP, etc.

CLU’s are not required to be further delineated to remove acreage for the following:

- seasonal streambeds
- States that have carrying capacities established based on canopy cover.--*