

Subpart B—Soil Survey Operations**§ 611.10 Standards, guidelines, and plans.**

(a) NRCS conducts soil surveys under national standards and guidelines for naming, classifying, and interpreting soils and for publishing soil surveys in the USDA series.

(b) A soil survey work plan of a county or area of similar size that is to be completed for publication is prepared prior to the start of each soil survey. The work plan provides information relevant to the conduct and publication of the soil survey. The plan is signed by representatives of NRCS, land grant universities, and in some states representatives of other state agencies. Federal land administering agencies also sign the work plan if federal lands are included in the survey.

§ 611.11 Reproduction and distribution of soil survey information.

(a) *Published soil surveys.* (1) When soil survey field work is completed on a designated area, NRCS publishes the soil survey as soon as possible so that the information will be available to the public. The published soil survey includes soil maps, soil descriptions, and soil interpretations for appropriate uses such as farming, engineering, range, woodland, recreation, and wildlife.

(2) Each party cooperating with NRCS in a soil survey will receive without cost 50 copies of the published soil survey. Prior to publication each may order additional copies at printing cost by preparing a special amendment to the soil survey work plan.

(3) The number of copies to be published and the distribution of a published soil survey are coordinated by NRCS with those cooperating in the survey and with the U.S. Senators from the state and the U.S. Representative from the congressional district in which the survey was made.

(4) Copies of published soil surveys are sent by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, to depository libraries that have requested them. Copies also are sent to

interested agencies that have requested them.

(5) Published soil surveys may be obtained without charge if available, from NRCS field and state offices, and from respective members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. Land grant universities also may have copies. When the supply is exhausted, reference copies generally are available from libraries or on inter-library loan.

(b) *Interim soil reports.* (1) State and local units of government and others may need soil survey information for subdivision, town, or county planning, tax assessment, and other uses prior to the time a soil survey is published. NRCS may prepare interim reports to provide soil survey information to meet these needs.

(2) Interim soil reports may include copies of soil survey field sheets, soil descriptions, and soil interpretive maps and tables showing the general rating of each kind of soil for various uses such as farming, range, woodland, engineering, recreation, and wildlife.

(c) *Resource conservation plan data.* Information prepared specifically for use in developing resource conservation plans for soil conservation district cooperators is considered confidential. Soil maps and interpretations prepared for this use will not be made available to others without the consent of the landowner as well as the district governing body. However, copies of soil survey field sheets and related data from which the conservation plan was developed may be purchased from the local NRCS field office with prior approval from the NRCS state office. The purchase is subject to the fee schedule cited in § 1.2(b) of this title.

(d) *Identity of advance reproductions.* Advance reproductions of individual soil survey field sheets include the name of the soil survey area, the state, the names of the parties cooperating in the survey, date of survey, map scale, and necessary precautionary notes.

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