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**NEW WETLAND DESIGNATION COULD AFFECT
CONFINEMENT LOCATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION**

All confinement animal producers who are planning to build a new structure should check for publicly-owned wetland areas before they begin construction. Some of these wetland areas may have setbacks and be protected by state law.

Starting Aug. 23, new confinement feeding operation structures cannot be constructed closer than 2,500 feet away from a designated wetland.

Only new structures are affected. Existing confinements are specifically exempted, along with those that began construction or applied for a construction permit prior to Aug.23. Planned confinements that have submitted a manure management plan to the DNR prior to Aug. 23 are also exempt.

Existing confinements can add a confinement structure to their operation without meeting the separation distance.

A list of designated wetlands is available on the DNR Web site at <http://www.iowadnr.gov/afo/files/deswetlands.pdf>.

**NEW WETLAND DESIGNATION COULD AFFECT STOCKPILE
LOCATIONS AND LAND APPLICATION**

All open feedlot and confinement producers should check for publicly-owned wetland areas before they begin stockpiling or land applying manure. Some of these wetland areas may have setbacks and be protected by state law.

Starting Aug. 23, stockpiles of manure or settleable solids from open feedlots cannot be placed closer than 400 feet from a designated wetland.

Also starting Aug. 23, manure from open feedlots and from confinements of all sizes cannot be applied closer than 200 feet to a designated wetland.

There is no required separation distance for manure that is injected or incorporated on the same date that it was applied. And, producers who establish a 50-foot buffer around a designated area can apply manure right up to the edge of the buffer.

Required [separation distances](#) from designated areas, including designated wetlands, can be found in Tables 2 and 3 in a DNR fact sheet.

A list of [designated wetlands](#) is available on the DNR Web site.

WHAT IS A DESIGNATED WETLAND?

A designated wetland must be owned and managed by either the federal government or the DNR. Land within a drainage district or levee district cannot be included in a designated wetland. Also, a designated wetland cannot include a wetland created by plugging an agricultural drainage well.

A list of [designated wetlands](#) is available on the DNR Web site.