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Wetland Indicator Status

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The wetland indicator status expresses the estimated probability (likelihood) of a species occurring in wetlands versus non-wetlands. Wetland indicator status is based on – *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wetland Inventory. 1996. National list of vascular plant species that occur in wetlands. Washington, DC.*

OBL = Obligate - occurs almost always (> 99%) under natural conditions in wetlands

FACW = Facultative Wetland - usually occurs in wetlands (67 - 99%), but occasionally found in non-wetlands

FAC = Facultative - equally likely to occur in wetlands or non-wetlands (34 - 66%)

FACU = Facultative Upland - usually occurs in non-wetlands (67 - 99%), but occasionally found in wetlands (1 - 33%)

UPL = Upland - occurs almost always (> 99%) under natural conditions in non-wetlands

NI = No Indicator

A + sign indicates a frequency toward the higher end of the category (more frequently found in wetlands)

A - sign indicates a frequency toward the lower end of the category (less frequently found in wetlands)

To help with selecting plants for the landscape, the following wetland indicators are useful.

Moist to poorly drained soils = FAC - FACW - OBL

Moist to well-drained soils = FAC - FACU - UPL