

WIN_PST 3

Instructions for USDA Employees / Computers

To use WIN-PST 3, you will need to complete the following 4 steps:

- A) download the WIN-PST 3 software and “Getting Started Guide” and then install the software if you have administrator installation privileges.
- B) download the latest pesticides property databases and install into WIN-PST 3.
- C) locate the soils data in your field office computing environment, and then
- D) run the Win-PST 3 software to include importing the soils data from your computer into the WIN-PST program.

A. Download the Win-PST 3 software

1. Navigate to: <http://www.wsi.nrcs.usda.gov/products/W2Q/pest/winpst.html> to get the software and the “Getting Started” guide (or click on the link provided on the same web page where you downloaded these instructions).
2. Click on the Getting Started Guide as shown in #b below and print or save to a location of choice.
3. Click on the “#a” link shown in the black box below – “for USDA hosts only.”

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "NRCS National Water and Climate Center - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The page content includes:

- A navigation menu with "Pest Manage" and "Contacts Pad".
- A link labeled "#a" pointing to "WIN-PST 3.0 - NRCS Download Site (FTP)".
- A text block: "For 'nrcs.usda.gov', 'fsa.usda.gov', and 'rd.usda.gov' hosts only".
- A link: "WIN-PST 3.0 - NRCS Download Site (FTP)".
- A hint: "Hint: If the NRCS download site does not work, use WIN-PST 3.0 - Alternate Download Site (FTP).".
- A text block: "For people outside of nrcs.usda.gov, fsa.usda.gov, or rd.usda.gov should use:".
- A link: "WIN-PST 3.0 - Alternate Download Site (FTP)".
- A section titled "Instructions for Installing WIN-PST 3.0:" with detailed installation instructions.
- A section titled "WIN-PST 3.0 Soils" with information about the SSURGO soils database.
- A link labeled "#b" pointing to "WIN-PST 3.0 Getting Started".
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4. Click on save and save to your C drive. It will take several minutes for the file to download.
5. Open the C drive and double click on the file 'winpst_server.exe'. You will again be asked for a location to save the file in. Again save to the C drive; click on next and then finish.
6. WIN-PST is now loaded and ready for installation by a system administrator. The file is located at: C:\XP\NRCS\WinPST3\client\3.0.2064.22192.

The administrator follows the above pathway until finding and double clicking on the file “install.cmd”. When the installation is complete, the administrator will likely see an “installation complete” message and should click on “Close” to exit.

The program is installed in the correct location which will likely be C:\Program Files\USDA\WIN-PST 3. See C. below for opening and running WIN-PST 3.

B. Pesticides Property Databases

Pesticides property databases used by WIN-PST are updated on a regular basis. Review the “Pesticide Data Update for WIN-PST 3.0 Software” instructions on the National WIN-PST site noted in A 1 above. Download, extract and install the new database into WIN-PST 3.0.

C. County Soils Data

County soils databases used by WIN-PST are located in field offices at the following locations: F:\FOTG\Section_II. Navigate to this location after opening WIN-PST to add your .mdb soils data into the Win-PST 3.0 program.

D. Run the Win-PST 3 software

1. Click on the Start button (lower left button on your computer screen).
2. Click on Programs – then Engineering Applications–then WIN-PST 3.

At this point, review the **WIN-PST 3.0 Getting Started Guide**. The guide will walk you through the steps on how to use the software to generate reports and print outs. A word of caution – when following the instructions in this Guide be sure that you do not complete any steps until you are prompted to do so by a “**Step #.**” Many of the screen shots show you an end result before you’ve actually done the steps, so keep this in mind and you will not get confused.

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