



Natural Resources Conservation Service
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ALABAMA TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE 39.

This notice transmits revisions to the eFOTG.

SECTION IV eFOTG

INDEX:

Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops, INTERIM No. AL798 – 3/10

CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARD

Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops, INTERIM No. AL798 – 3/10 – The national standard was updated, therefore, the state standard was updated according to the following changes:

1. PURPOSES
 - a. Removed the bullet “Extend the crop growing season” because extending the growing season is not a resource concern. However, “extend the growing season” in the definition was kept.
 - b. Added two new purposes
 - Improve air quality through reduced transportation inputs
 - Reduce energy use through local consumption
2. CONDITION WHERE THE PRACTICE APPLIES – Removed “existing” referring to cropland in the first sentence.
3. CRITERIA – In fourth paragraph the last sentence, added “unless the structure is designed to withstand expected snow loads.”
Added additional criteria
 - Additional Criteria to Reduce Nutrient and Pesticide Transport
 - Additional Criteria to Improve Air Quality and Reduce Energy Consumption

Also rewrote paragraph under Additional Criteria to Improve Soil Quality to remove reference to the Soil Condition Index (SCI).

JOB SHEETS

Pest Management – IPM (Integrated Pest Management) with Precision Agriculture, No. AL595B dated 3/10 – New job sheet.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS: - File the revised standard and new job sheet. Archive or discard the outdated material.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon K. Weaver".

SHANNON K. WEAVER
ASTC - Technology

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