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This notice transmits revisions to the eFOTG.

SECTION III Conservation Management Systems

Conservation Activity Plans (CAP) Technical Criteria

Background. The Food Security Act of 1985 as amended and subsequent congressional actions authorizes NRCS to provide financial assistance through EQIP to support development of Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs). Program and technical guidance for support and management of approved FY 2015 CAPs can be found in [NB 300-15-5 LTP – EQIP Conservation Activity Plans](#).

Through the agency process of evaluation and feedback, some changes have been made to CAP technical criteria. Key changes for FY 2015 include the following:

CAP 122, Agricultural Energy Management Plan – Headquarters, **REPLACED** with CAP 128, Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP).

CAP 124 CAP, Agricultural Energy Management Plan – Landscape, **REPLACED** with CAP 128, Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP).

[CAP 128, Agricultural Energy Management Plan \(AgEMP\)](#) – **NEW** – The technical criteria now covers both Headquarters and Landscape Energy Management Plans.

[CAP 138, Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition](#) – **REVISED**. This plan is now a resource inventory with recommended practices to support the transition to an organic system plan and address the resource concerns. A new [template](#) for the CAP 138 (available at the [National Technical Service Provider web page](#)) provides a detailed inventory and data needed by the producer to make informed decisions and information to assist the producer to complete their organic application. The template will also provide resource inventory information for NRCS or another technical service provider (TSP) to develop an actual conservation plan if requested by the producer.

The above referenced Conservation Activity Plan Technical Criteria have been added to Section III of the FOTG.

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