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## ALABAMA TECHNICAL GUIDE – SECTION I - NOTICE AL25.

This notice transmits revisions to the eFOTG.

### **NEW:**

Two excellent soil health reference books have been made available from our partners at USDA-Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE). These are now part of the Agronomy Technical References (Sec. 1-A.2), in the Crop Management Section. These books will be distributed by the Team Resource Conservationists and should be filed for office use. These are also available [on-line](#).

**Agronomy Ref. 11-8 - Managing Cover Crops Profitably (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition) – NEW.** This reference explores how and why cover crops work, and provides all the information needed to build cover crops into any farming operation. Along with detailed management information on the most commonly used species—including grasses, grains, brassicas and mustards, and legumes—*Managing Cover Crops Profitably* offers chapters on the role of cover crops in broader topics such as crop rotations, pests and conservation tillage. It also has appendices on seed suppliers and regional experts.

**Agronomy Ref. 11-9 - Building Soils for Better Crops (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition) – NEW.** This reference is a one-of-a-kind, practical guide to ecological soil management, now expanded and in full color. It provides step-by-step information on soil-improving practices as well as in-depth background—from what soil is to the importance of organic matter. Case studies of farmers from across the country provide inspiring examples of how soil—and whole farms—have been renewed through these techniques.

The above books and many others by USDA-SARE are available for downloading at:

<http://www.sare.org/Learning-Center/Books>

**FILING INSTRUCTIONS:** File these books with the Agronomy References.

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