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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

**TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 675**

**December 31, 2013**

Re: Transmit Revised Cover Crop Termination Guidelines, Version 2, Cover Crop 340 Standard, Statement of Work and Job Sheet, and Cancel Residue and Tillage Management Ridge-Till, 346, and Residue Management Seasonal, 344, Standards, Statements of Work and Job Sheets

This Technical Guide Notice transmits the following documents to the Colorado electronic Field Office Technical Guide ([eFOTG](#)).

### **Section IV, Standards and Specifications, Cover Crop (AC) (340)**

[NRCS Cover Crop Termination Guidelines, Version 2](#), Non-irrigated Cropland - Revised per NB-450-14-2, December 23, 2013

Revised termination guidance for areas where producers utilize the RMA summer fallow practice. A few definitions were also modified. The most significant being: 8. Cover Crop Grazing or Forage Harvest – In all areas, except for the RMA summer fallow practice in Zones 1, 2 and 3, cover crops may be grazed or harvested as hay or silage as long as the planned amount of biomass is available at the time of termination to meet the conservation purpose. For the RMA designated summer fallow practice, cover crops should not be hayed or grazed. A cover crop harvested for grain or seed will not be considered to have been planted for conservation purposes, and will be considered a “crop”. Otherwise, a cover crop is not defined as a crop.

[Cover Crop 340 Standard](#) - Revised reference for Cover Crop Termination Guidelines, Version 2

[Cover Crop 340 Statement of Work](#) - Revised reference for Cover Crop Termination Guidelines, Version 2

[Cover Crop 340 Job Sheet](#) - Revised reference for Cover Crop Termination Guidelines, Version 2

This Technical Guide Notice cancels the following documents and removes them from the Colorado Field Office Technical Guide per NHCP Notice 159 and GM-450-401.15, H.

#### **Section IV, Standards and Specifications**

Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge Till, 346, Standard - September 2011

Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge Till, 346, Statement of Work - September 2005

Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge Till, 346, Job Sheet - October 2008

Residue Management Seasonal, 344, Standard - September 2011

Residue Management Seasonal, 344, Statement of Work - October 2008

Residue Management Seasonal, 344, Job Sheet - October 2008

#### **Archiving Standards**

Conservation practice standards in effect at the time the client makes a decision regarding a course of action (step 7 of the Conservation Planning Process) may be used for practice implementation unless public health, safety or welfare is adversely affected. A copy of all superseded standards shall be retained in NRCS field office files or other locations as approved by the State Conservationist, until such standards are no longer relevant to any active conservation plan or contract, or for 10 years, whichever is longer. Where formal contracts (e.g., long-term agreements) are involved, copies of outdated standards are to be retained for the period required by the pertinent NRCS policy governing that specific program.

These archived standards need to be removed from the FOTG and retained in a separate file (GM-450, Part 401, Subpart B, 401.18). An archive of canceled Colorado Standards is maintained in the Ecological Sciences Section at the State office in Denver.

#### **Printing and Filing Instructions**

District Conservationists are not required to maintain a hard copy of the eFOTG in their respective field offices. One copy of the Colorado eFOTG is maintained at the National Information Technology Center (NITC) Web Farm at [http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg\\_locator.aspx?Map=CO](http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?Map=CO).

#### **Contact Information**

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This notice is filed in the Section I, Transmittals folder of the Colorado eFOTG. A [Section I Transmittals Index](#) is available in PDF format to comply with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1998.

This is the only copy of this notice you will receive from the State office.

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