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FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE

CHANGE NOTICE 120

Purpose. To transmit technical documents to be inserted into the local FOTG.

Effective. This notice is effective when received.

The enclosed materials shall be filed in the appropriate section of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) in accordance to these filing instructions. Electronic copies of these materials may be found in the eFOTG located at http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/.

SECTION I

Maps – Section I Table of Contents – The table of contents for this section has been revised to include new information provided.

Northern Everglades Restoration Area Map (Resource Page 26) – This new map has been prepared to help identify a high priority area for addressing water quality associated with the “chain-of-lakes”, Kissimmee River Watersheds and other key drainage basins effecting Lake Okeechobee. EQIP practices that have been identified as addressing water quality can be eligible for cost-sharing up to 75% within this region. Please refer to EQIP program managers for more information.

Filing Instructions

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SECTION IV

Section IV Table of Contents – Updated with new information provided.

Channel Stabilization (Code 584) – This new Florida conservation practice standard was adapted from national conservation practice standard for use in Florida.

Conservation Cover (Code 327) – Multiple changes have been made through out this standard from the previous one issued 3/04. Three new purposes for air quality, soil quality, and manage

plant pests have been added. Additional criteria have been developed for each of the new purposes.

Conservation Cover Jobsheet (FL-327-JS) – This is a revision of the previous jobsheet dated 3/04 for this practice. Added sections for documentation on site preparation and operation and maintenance. When certifying the conservation cover practice use this jobsheet for documentation.

Contour Buffer Strips (Code 332) – Several changes have been made on this standard from the previous one issued 8/03. The criteria for arrangement, width, and vegetation have been revised to reflect new erosion prediction technology. These changes can be found in the additional criteria to reduce sheet and rill erosion and reduce the transport of sediment. The plans and specification and the operation and maintenance sections have been revised to more clearly define documentation for the layout and maintenance.

Contour Buffer Strips Jobsheet (FL-332-JS) – This is new jobsheet for this practice. When certifying the contour buffer strips practice use this jobsheet for documentation.

Contour Farming (Code 330) – This standard is a total revision of the previous standard dated 2/04. Items to pay attention to are the criteria for minimum and maximum row grade and minimum ridge height.

Contour Farming Jobsheet (FL-330JS) – This is new jobsheet for this practice. When certifying the contour farming practice use this jobsheet for documentation.

Dam, Diversion (Code 348) - This new Florida conservation practice standard was adapted from national conservation practice standard.

Grade Stabilization Structure (Code 410) - Several editorial and format changes have been incorporated into the practice standard to meet the 5-year review period.

Grade Stabilization Structure (CS-410-1), Construction Specification - This revised construction specification is to be use when implementing practice standard Code 410.

Lined Waterway or Outlet (Code 468) - Several editorial and format changes have been incorporated into the practice standard to meet the 5-year review period.

Nutrient Management (Code 590) – This standard is being re-issued, because the one issued in the previous change notice had the impacts to environmental concerns paragraph under general criteria inadvertently left out. This standard is a total re-write of the previous standard dated 2/03 and should be read it's entirety.

Pond (Code 378) - Several editorial and format changes have been incorporated into the practice standard to meet the 5-year review period.

Embankment Pond (CS-EMB-378-1) Construction Specifications – This revised construction specification is to be use when appropriate when implementing embankment ponds within practice standard Pond – Code 378.

Excavated Pond (CS-EXC-378-1) Construction Specifications – This revised construction specification is to be use when appropriate when implementing excavated ponds within practice standard Pond – Code 378.

Precision Land Forming (Code 462) - Several editorial and format changes have been incorporated into the practice standard to meet the 5-year review period.

Prescribed Grazing (Code 528) – This practice standard has been completely revised and updated for use in Florida.

Range Planting (Code 550) - This practice standard has been completely revised and updated for use in Florida.

Riparian Forest Buffer (Code 391) – This practice standard has been streamlined and updated to reflect current information and technology.

Riparian Forest Buffer (Code 391) Guidance – This guidance document provides installation, planting and plant selection information to ensure that the resulting treatment meets NRCS standards and will address the desired resource concern.

Silvopasture Establishment (Code 381) – This standard is a new Florida specific practice that optimizes both timber and livestock production. Research has indicated producers can obtain a higher rate of return when production goals include both forest and livestock on the same area following this practice when compared to producing forest or livestock only on the same area. Please refer to the Tree/Shrub Establishment (Code 612), Guidance A for more information on planting and species selection information.

Terrace (Code 600) - Several editorial and format changes have been incorporated into the practice standard to meet the 5-year review period.

Terrace (CS-Code-1) Construction Specification - This revised construction specification is to be use when installing terraces within practice standard Terrace (Code 600).

Water and Sediment Control Basin (Code 638) - Several editorial and format changes have been incorporated into the practice standard to meet the 5-year review period.

Water and Sediment Control Basin (CS-638) Construction Specification - This revised construction specification is to be use when installing Water and Sediment Control Basins within practice standard Code 638.

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----	Contour Buffer Strips Job Sheet (FL-332-JS), September 2007.

Contour Farming (Code 330), February 2004.	Contour Farming (Code 330), September 2007.
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Grade Stabilization Structure (Code 410), October 2002.	Grade Stabilization Structure (Code 410), September 2007.
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