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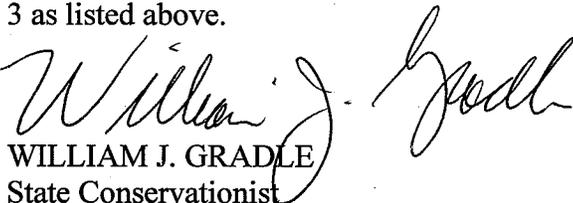
Purpose: Notification that the cost share rates for forestry practices have been revised. In addition, there is a clarification of cost share rates for Direct Seeding when tree seed must be purchased. District Conservationists shall update their County FOTG with the revised documents.

Expiration Date: When contents have been reviewed and revised FOTG Section I materials printed and filed.

Background: TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE IL-119, dated May 4, 1999 transmitted new cost share rates for forestry practices for several programs (CRP, FIP, and FDA). The new rates were included in a table in ATTACHMENT No. 1 to the above Technical Guide Notice.

Please note that in both the above mentioned table and in IL Notice CRP-442 the "not to exceed" cost share rate for CRP is the same for Tree Planting using no-cost IDNR tree seedlings and for Direct Seeding (\$63), since tree seed could have been obtained locally at no cost. If, however, tree seed must be purchased for a direct seeding project the cost share rate will be the same as for Tree Planting using private purchased tree seedlings at \$187 per acre.

Filing Instructions: Go to the Illinois NRCS Homepage at Illinois Field Office Technical Guide Section I Cost Data and print 1) "Cost Share Rates for Forestry Practices by Program and Combination of Programs" dated May 2001, 2) 3 attached examples of FDA Cost-Share Application forms and 3) one blank form. Remove from Section I - Cost Data Attachment 1 dated 6/1/98 and replace with printed documents 1, 2, and 3 as listed above.


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Enclosures

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Field Offices
All Technical Specialists
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