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#### TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE IL-135

**Purpose:** To transmit Approved Conservation Systems for tobacco rotations in Illinois and RUSLE "C" values for planning Conservation Systems for tobacco rotations.

**Background:** Acceptable Conservation Systems approved after July 3, 1996 must conform to the guidelines contained in Section 512.11d of the National Food Security Manual. The systems approved with this notice or other tobacco rotations shall not exceed three times the sustainable levels (3T) for the predominant HEL soil map units contained in the Conservation Management Units being planned. Should additional assistance be needed to plan conservation systems containing tobacco rotations, contact Mike Stanfill or Brett Roberts.

#### Filing Instructions:

- File "*C Values for Tobacco Rotations, Illinois 'C' Factor Zones 105A and 105B*" with other RUSLE C values in FOTG, Section I-Erosion Prediction.
- File "*Acceptable Conservation Systems for Tobacco Rotations grown in Illinois*" in FOTG, Section III-Conservation Management Systems.

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