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Purpose: Notification of Illinois eFOTG postings.

Background:

- Updated Agriculture Handbook No. 296, Land Resource Regions and Major Land Resource Areas of the U.S., dated 2006. Replaces 1981 version.
- A new 6.0 version of The Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States, Guide for Identifying and Delineating Hydric Soils replaces version 5.9, dated 2005 as a Soils Technical Reference for the FOTG.
- The Soils Reference list in Section I of the eFOTG has been updated to reflect the new version.
- Section II. B. Soil and Site Information as well. Two revised Illinois Agronomy Technical Note No. 18 (Rev. 1), "NRCS Fertility Guidelines for irrigated Specialty Crops on Coarse Textured Soils" and Illinois Agronomy Technical Note No. 19, (Rev. 1), "Soil Fertility Guidelines for Pumpkins." The potassium recommendations for pumpkins and related crops have been revised. Nitrogen credits for previous annual legume crops such as soybean, pea, and green (snap) beans were decreased for medium and fine textured soils.
- The March 2006 Illinois Prime Farmland pdf file will be removed from the Field Office Soils Technical Reference File

Access to eFOTG can be through the Illinois home page by clicking on "eFOTG" or by accessing <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/>

Summary of Changes

Section I:

B. 1. Soils Reference List

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Section I.G.: Technical Notes and References by Discipline

Updated Illinois Agronomy Technical Note 18 (Rev. 1) and 19 (Rev. 1) in the field office technical reference file under "Agronomy".

Section II: B: Soil and Site Information

Removed March 2006 Illinois Prime Farmland pdf file from Section II B. Soil and Site of the Field Office Technical Guide.



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Attachment: (Under Separate Cover)

Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States, A Guide for Identifying and Delineating Hydric Soils, Version 6.0 (2006)

2006 Agriculture Handbook No. 296, Land Resource Regions and Major Land Resource Areas of the U.S.

DIST:

Field Offices (w/enclosure)

All Biologists, Agronomists, Resource Planners (w/enclosure)

Field Office Technical Guide Holders (w/o enclosure)

Leadership Team (w/o enclosure)