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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE IL - 250

Purpose: To inform employees of revisions and additions to the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) for selected conservation practice standards, job sheets and statements of work.

The FOTG can be accessed through the Illinois home page by clicking on "FOTG" or at http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/.

Location **Section IV. B. Conservation Practices**	**Summary of Significant Changes** **June 2011**
Critical Area Planting (342) Standards and Specifications	Seed mixtures for grassed waterways were designed for specific retardance conditions. Certain seed mixtures for Critical Areas deleted due to questionable suitability for Illinois. Permitting grassed waterway seed mixtures to be used for grade stabilization structures constructed at the outlet(s). Clarified mulching requirements. Clarified when oats may be used as a nurse crop. Limited the origin of seed to the United States and Canada. Specified minimum seed quality parameters consistent with other practice standards. Clarified requirements for legume inoculation.
Conservation Cover (327) Standards and Specifications	Added various native species. Noted species highly beneficial to pollinators. Established criteria to benefit pollinators. Revised Conservation Cover calculator to reflect added species and assist with planning forb mixtures beneficial to pollinators. Limited the origin of seed to the United States and Canada. Specified minimum seed quality parameters consistent with other practice standards.

Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management Standard and Specifications (644)	Clarified requirements for legume inoculation. Minor edits and changes.
Critical Area Planting Job Sheet (342)	Revised.
Conservation Cover Job Sheet (327)	Revised.
Conservation Cover Seed Calculator (327)	Revised.
Conservation Cover (327) Statement of Work	Revised.
Critical Area Planting (342) Statement of Work	Revised.
Documentation and Certification for FOTG Practice Standards	Documentation and Certification information for Critical Area Planting (342) and Conservation Cover (327) have been removed and incorporated into the individual revised Statements of Work.

Technical Guide Notice IL-250 is filed under Section I, "FOTG transmittals" at the FOTG site.

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