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**TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE IL-273**

**Purpose:** To provide notice of revisions to the Field Office Technical Guide.

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

<u>Location</u>	<b>Summary of Changes November 2012</b>
<p><b>Section I. General Resources Reference Lists</b>  <b>1. Subject List of References</b>  <b>Grazing Reference List</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated Grazing Reference List to include, "Grazing in Illinois" Handbook. Link to the "Grazing in Illinois" Handbook  <a href="http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/grazing/GrzMan.html">http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/grazing/GrzMan.html</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Updated soil sampling and pasture fertilization fact sheets in the "Grazing in Illinois" Handbook.  <a href="http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/grazing/fertility.html#Pasture Fertilization">http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/grazing/fertility.html#Pasture Fertilization</a>  <a href="http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/grazing/fertility.html#Soil Sampling and Testing">http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/grazing/fertility.html#Soil Sampling and Testing</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Section II. C. Cultural Resources Information</b>  <b>2. NRCS State Office Instructions</b></p>	
<p>Practices Considered Undertakings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated September 2012</li> </ul>
<p><b>Section III. F. Conservation Activity Plans – Technical Criteria</b></p>	
<p>Fish and Wildlife Habitat Management Plan (142)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan criteria added to Section III.</li> </ul>
<p>Pollinator Habitat Management Plan (146)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan criteria added to Section III.</li> </ul>
<p>Forest Management Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised Illinois Forest Management Plan (IFMP) Checklist.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Section IV. B. Conservation Practices</b></p>	
<p>Index of Conservation Practice Standards – Alphabetical</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated to include revised and new practice standards.</li> </ul>
<p>Index of Conservation Practice Standards – Numerical</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated to include revised and new practice standards.</li> </ul>
<p>Animal Mortality Facility (316) Construction Specifications and Operation and Maintenance Sheets</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added new</li> </ul>
<p>Livestock Pipeline (516) Construction Specification Sheet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added acceptable pipe materials list</li> </ul>

<p>Prescribed Grazing (528) Standard and Specifications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated to reflect changes in the national standard. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Minimum of 3 paddocks now required to meet the standard</li> <li>○ Changes made in soil sampling requirements</li> <li>○ Added optimum and average yield and forage growth curves for Northern, Central, and Southern Illinois</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Prescribed Grazing (528) Additional Tools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated tools for use in planning the 528 practice standard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Updated and created two inventory worksheets (short and long version)</li> <li>○ Updated 528 Job Sheet</li> <li>○ Updated Statement of Work (SOW)</li> <li>○ Developed a new excel spreadsheet (Graze4 Version 3.2) for use in planning a grazing system</li> <li>○ Updated sample record keeping worksheet</li> <li>○ Developed a sample grazing management plan</li> <li>○ Modified soils grazing worksheet instructions.</li> <li>○ Modified soils grazing inventory worksheet 5.0</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Windbreak and Shelterbelt Establishment (380) Standard and Specifications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated to reflect minor revisions including formatting, addition of state climatologist reference, and species selection guidance.</li> </ul>
<p>Windbreak and Shelterbelt Establishment (380) Job Sheet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated to reflect minor revisions to 380 Job Sheet including formatting and addition of EEO statement.</li> </ul>
<p>Documentation and Certification</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removed the following from the general Documentation and Certification list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Heavy Use Area Protection (561)</li> <li>○ Lined Waterway or Outlet (468)</li> <li>○ Prescribed Grazing (528)</li> <li>○ Roof Runoff Structure (558)</li> <li>○ Pond Sealing or Lining Bentonite (521)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Removed practice specific Documentation and Certification sheet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Heavy Use Area Protection (561)</li> <li>○ Lined Waterway or Outlet (468)</li> <li>○ Pond Sealing or Lining Bentonite (521)</li> <li>○ Prescribed Grazing (528)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Documentation requirements for practices released in TG Notice 273 must follow the appropriate Statement of Work.</li> </ul>

Technical Guide Notice 273 is filed under Section I, "FOTG transmittals" at the FOTG site.



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Attachments

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