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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE IL-289

Purpose: To provide notice of revisions to the Electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG). The eFOTG can be accessed through the Illinois home page by clicking on "eFOTG" or at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/>.

Background: This Technical Guide Notice, includes updates and revisions to Section I Maps and Technical Notes; Section III 124 CAP Criteria; Section IV Ecological Science and Engineering Statements of Work, and Section V Economic & Conservation Discussions and Conservation Practice Physical Effects (CPPE).

Location

Summary of Changes

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Section I. Maps

Added the following updated maps and links:

a. USDA Offices

- Directory for Illinois USDA Farm Service Agency
- Directory for Rural Development Offices
- Illinois USDA Farm Service Agency Website
- Illinois USDA Rural Development Website
- NRCS Field Office Operation Districts and Field Offices
- NRCS Major Land Resource Area Regions

b. State Agencies

- Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts (AISWCD) Contact and Location Information
- Bureau of Land & Water Resources Administrative Regions
- Illinois National Great Rivers Research and Education Center (NGRREC) CREP Program Support Staff
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) District Foresters
- IDNR Heritage Biologists
- IDNR Wildlife Biologist's Districts
- IDNR Division of Water Resources
- IDNR Division of Water Resources Jurisdictional Boundaries
- Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Highway Districts
- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Regions
- Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, Natural Areas Preservation Specialists

c. Other Agencies

Added the following updated links:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District Directory
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Illinois Office Directory

Section I. Technical Notes and References by Discipline – Biology

Revised. Edits made throughout the text and additions and corrections made to Plant Species Tables.

- Biology Technical Note No. 23 Pollinator Biology and Habitat

- Several plant species added that grow in wet and wet mesic habitats.
- Seeding Mixture Example 2: Native Seeding for Pollinators on Wet Mesic Sites revised with different species.

Section III. F. Conservation Activity
Plans – Technical Criteria

- Agricultural Energy Management Plan, Landscape (124) CAP Criteria

Updated as required by National Bulletin 450.14.4.

Section IV.

B. Conservation Practices

Conservation Practice Statements of Work (SOW's):

- Brush Management (314)
- Fence (382)
- Access Control (472)
- Forage Harvest Management (511)
- Forage and Biomass Planting (512)
- Water and Sediment Control Basin (638)
- Waste Treatment Lagoon (359)

Revised SOW's for the listed practices. As SOW's are posted, the old general Documentation and Certification documents for each practice are removed. The revised SOW's outline the requirements for documentation and certification for each individual practice.

Section V.

Economic & Conservation Discussions

Added a new folder titled, "Economic & Conservation Discussions" and added three discussion documents related to cover crops. These discussions complement the Case Studies as well as provide talking point that are broader than a single farm.

- Cover Crops Plumer Research
- Cover Crops Soils and Soil Organic Matter (SOM)
- Cover Crops—Cost and Management Considerations

Conservation Practice Physical Effects (CPPE)

Added the Illinois CPPE Worksheet. The worksheet provides a positive, neutral, or negative value to describe the conservation practice physical effects for each individual practice.

Technical Guide Notice **289** is filed under Section I, "FOTG transmittals" at the FOTG site.



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Attachments

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