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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE IL-303

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/.

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Location

Summary of Changes

Section IV.A. Index of Conservation Practices

Index of Conservation Practice Standards – Alphabetical

Updated to include new and revised practice standards.

Index of Conservation Practice Standards – Numerical

Updated to include new and revised practice standards.

Section IV. B. Conservation Practices

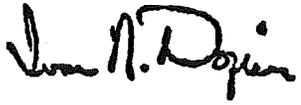
Background for Nutrient Management (590) changes:

For years, Illinois NRCS staff have been providing recommendations for soil sampling based on guidelines in the University of Illinois Agronomy Handbook. The guidelines have stated that soil samples will be gathered on 2.5 acre grids. The release of the 24th edition of the Handbook in 2009 added guidelines and allowance for zone sampling. The 590 Nutrient Management standard has always referred to the guidelines given in the Illinois Agronomy Handbook and indicated that the handbook should be used when developing nutrient management specifications. In July of 2003, Technical Note 23 was released to clarify guidelines for the use of zone sampling. Reports have been received that some NRCS staff continue to state that the only approved method of soil sampling is the 2.5 acre grid method.

Nutrient Management (590) Standard

- Revision to insert more visible reference to Illinois Agronomy Technical Note 23, "Soil Sampling Guidelines for Immobile Plant Nutrients", July 2013. The Technical Note provides soil sampling guidelines including the use of zone soil sampling as a recognized methodology. The zone soil sampling guidelines provide some **suggested** sources of data layers that can be used to delineate soil sampling zones. Additionally, the guidelines emphasize that Order 2 soil surveys can be used along with other data layers but cannot be used as the only source of spatial information for establishing soil sampling zones.

Technical Guide Notice 303 is filed under Section I, "FOTG transmittals" at the FOTG site.

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Attachments

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