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## FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE

### LOUISIANA NOTICE 450-284

The purpose of this notice is to inform NRCS conservationists of the posting of new conservation practice standards, support documents and tools.

The new Integrated Pest Management (IPM) (595) practice standard, which replaced the Pest Management Standard (595), has been adopted and posted to eFOTG. This new conservation practice standard, along with the companion document [Agronomy Technical Note 4: Pest Management in the Conservation Planning Process](#), not only addresses the use of alternative pest management techniques, but standardizes the process for planning mitigating measures. Whereas in the past conservation planners used their best judgment to decide the number of mitigating measures to plan to address the harmful effects of pesticides, now a formal point system has been adopted with minimum criteria set for pesticides exhibiting medium, high, and very high interaction ratings in Win-PST. The new IPM Jobsheet automates this process and is now available in eFOTG.

A new Nutrient Management (590) Jobsheet has been uploaded which helps to both automatically calculate nutrient balances, as well as summarize the results for all fields.

Less drastic changes have been made to the four residue management practice standards. New practice standards for 329, 344, 345, and 346 have been posted to eFOTG. Because of the similarity in planning and administering these four practice standards, a single Statement of Work (SOW), specification sheet and jobsheet has been created and is applicable to all four residue management practices.

The Agronomic Record Form that has been uploaded for each of these conservation practices is identical. This form, designed to be printed, handed out to, and populated by producers will chronologically capture all pesticide, nutrient, and cultural activities.

Finally, the Waste Treatment (629) conservation practice has been adopted by Louisiana in support of financial assistance for in-house pasteurization of poultry litter. To support the FY 2011 roll-out of this new practice, a new Statement of Work (SOW), record form, and jobsheet automation tool has been developed for Louisiana.

Upcoming training events for waste treatment are being planned. The first training event, scheduled for February 7, 2011, for NRCS personnel only, will be at the Ringgold Soil Survey Office from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Another training event will occur in mid-March and will be held in association with the LSU Hill Farm Research Station and



ongoing in-house chicken litter treatment research. It will be open to the public. Details regarding the second training event will be released as it becomes available.

Listed below are the documents that have been changed and uploaded to eFOTG:

**Nutrient Management (590)**

- Jobsheet Excel Tool
- Louisiana Phosphorus Index
- Statement of Work
- Agronomic Record Form

**Integrated Pest Management (595)**

- Practice Standard
- Agronomy Tech. Note 4 (referenced in the IPM Standard)
- Jobsheet Excel Tool
- Statement of Work
- Agronomic Record Form

**Residue and Tillage Management, No-till/Strip Till/Direct Seed (329)**

- Practice Standard
- Specifications
- Statement of Work
- Agronomic Record Form
- Jobsheet Excel Tool

**Residue Management, Seasonal (344)**

- Practice Standard
- Specifications
- Statement of Work
- Agronomic Record Form
- Jobsheet Excel Tool

**Residue and Tillage Management, Mulch Till (345)**

- Practice Standard
- Specifications
- Statement of Work
- Agronomic Record Form
- Jobsheet Excel Tool

**Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge Till (346)**

- Practice Standard
- Specifications
- Statement of Work
- Agronomic Record Form
- Jobsheet Excel Tool

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**Waste Treatment (629)**

- Jobsheet Excel Tool
- Statement of Work
- Waste Treatment Record Form

It is important to note that jobsheets are not available on the public eFOTG website, but are available only to users logged in using the eAuthentication system. If you cannot find the jobsheet tools for each of the conservation practices listed in this bulletin, simply log into eFOTG through the my.NRCS website. This link (path) can then be bookmarked for future use.

In addition to being uploaded into eFOTG, all of these documents can be found on the following Louisiana NRCS SharePoint site:

[Conservation Planning Documents](#)

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