



Natural Resources Conservation Service  
451 West Street  
Amherst, MA 01002

413-253-4350  
fax 413-253-4375  
www.ma.nrcs.usda.gov

---

January 25, 2011

MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. MA-252

TO: All holders of Field Office Technical Guide, Section IV

**Purpose.** This notice transmits two revised conservation practice standards.

- **Irrigation Water Management (449).** This revised MA standard incorporates the changes from the national standard.
- **Pumping Plant (533).** This revised MA standard incorporates the changes from the national standard. Also, criteria is added for automation equipment, such as the auto-start systems being installed on cranberry bogs.

**Filing Instructions.** Insert this notice in front of Section I of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG). Replace the existing index located in front of Section IV with the revised index (01/25/11) provided with this notice. File the conservation practice standards in Section IV of the FOTG. All of the documents have been posted to the Electronic FOTG (eFOTG).

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara P. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned on a light-colored background.

BARBARA MILLER  
State Resource Conservationist

Attachments

DIST: District Conservationists  
Field Engineers  
State Conservation Engineer  
Assistant State Conservation Engineer  
S.O. Official MA FOTG  
Scott Soares, Commissioner, DAR

***Helping People Help the Land***

**USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.**