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**TECHNICAL GUIDE**  
**NOTICE #177 (electronic)**

**Purpose:** To transmit information regarding the electronic NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG).

**Effective Date:** This notice is effective upon receipt.

**Notice of Changes:**

**Section I:** The following updated Reference Material has been placed in the eFOTG, Section I:

1) Michigan Agricultural Statistics

The Michigan County Agricultural Statistics 2002 and Michigan Agricultural Statistics 2003-2004 were sent to offices last week. File them in the FOTG reference box "Other." These are economics references. Keep the prior two years' Michigan Agricultural Statistics (2001-02 and 2002-03). Remove and discard Michigan Agricultural Statistics 2000-01. If you cannot locate these two publications, contact June Grabemeyer, Agricultural Economist, at (517) 324-5280 for a replacement copy.

2) Michigan Technical Notes

Michigan Tech Notes for these disciplines have been placed in the eFOTG: Agronomy, Biology, Economics, Forestry, and Grazing.

**Section IV:** The following updated Michigan Conservation Practices have been placed in the eFOTG, Section IV:

- 1) Subsurface Drain (606)
- 2) Waste Facility Cover (367)
- 3) Well Decommissioning (351)

Updated information is identified with vertical lines in the margins.

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**DIST:** All Holders of the Field Office Technical Guide



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**Section IV:** Michigan Conservation Practices have had Statements of Work (SOWs) added to their content. You will find these listed in the Conservation Practice Subindex as "Statement of Work". SOWs provide the minimal requirements, checklists, or forms used to ensure all aspects of the practice are considered and included during the planning and installation.

**Section IV:** The following new Michigan Construction Specifications have been placed in the eFOTG, Section IV:

- 1) MI-158 - Reinforced Concrete
- 2) MI-159 - Plain Concrete
- 3) MI-174 - Timber Fabrication and Installation

**Section IV:** The following updated Michigan Conservation Sheet has been placed in the eFOTG, Section IV:

- 1) Native Grass Establishment For Wildlife

Questions regarding the eFOTG should be directed to Gary Rinkenberger, Resource Conservationist, at (517) 324-5266.



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