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TECHNICAL GUIDE
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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: Reference List Material

Recently, under a separate mailing (October 21, 2005), each Field Office received the Michigan Agricultural Statistics 2004-2005. Instructions are to file this copy in the Technical Reference Center, middle shelf, "Other" document box. This material is considered part of the eFOTG. Michigan Agricultural Statistics 2002-2003 is to be removed and recycled.

If you have questions regarding Michigan Agricultural Statistics, contact June Grabemeyer, Agricultural Economist, at (517) 324-5280.

Section II: Soil Information

This notice instructs all Michigan NRCS employees and other users of the eFOTG of changes to the soil survey information contained in Section II. The soil reports that were in Section II are now linked electronically to the Soil Data Mart. There are three exceptions which are PDF reports listed below. When you click on a particular county you will see the following five items:

- A PDF report for Wildlife Interpretations
- A PDF report for the Michigan Interpretive Groups Report
- A PDF report for the Irrigation Groups and Irrigation Intake Family Descriptions
- An electronic link to Soil Reports in Soil Data Mart
- An electronic link to Soil Downloads in Soil Data Mart

When the Soil Reports option is selected, the soil survey legend for that county will appear and the user can select one or all map units in the county and then run the various soil reports that will appear in a drop down menu. The reports can then be printed or saved as desired.

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The Soil Download option will allow the user to download the tabular and/or spatial soil survey data for the entire soil survey area that can then be loaded into the Soil Data Viewer.

The advantage of linking to the Soil Data Mart is that the user will always have access to the latest soil survey information in a uniform manner. It will also eliminate any confusion with discrepancies that may have existed between the former PDF soil reports and the soil reports derived from the Soil Data Mart.

If you have any questions with regard to the Soil Reports in Section II of the eFOTG, please contact your Area Resource Soil Scientist.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Bricker", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back under the name.

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