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**TECHNICAL GUIDE  
NOTICE #208 (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: General Resource References**

**Economics**

The current years Michigan Agricultural Statistics 2006-2007 is now available on line and in electronic form. The new edition has been added to Section I, Economic Cost Data, Economic Information/Guides. Because we only keep three years of this publication in the FOTG, the 2002-2003 publication should be removed. It is located in hard copy in the Other reference box of FOTG.

Technical questions pertaining to the above should be directed to June Grabemeyer, Agricultural Economist, at (517) 324-5280.

**SECTION II: Natural Resource Information**

**Cultural Resources**

The definition of Undertaking has been updated per CFR Statute 800.16y. The List of Undertakings for Michigan has not changed.

Technical questions pertaining to the above should be directed to Melissa Gutierrez, Cultural Resource Coordinator, at (517) 324-5251.

**SECTION IV: Practice Standards and Specifications**

**Technical Tools**

The Michigan Phosphorus Index (PI) was recently updated with several minor edits for clarification. The PI Excel worksheet is the working file; the PI Technical Description is a PDF that explains the model's basis, use, and interpretation. It is located in the Field Assessment Tools Folder.

Technical questions pertaining to the above should be directed to Michael Gangwer, Nutrient Management Specialist, at (517) 324-5167.

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

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### **Michigan Construction Specifications**

Michigan Construction Specifications have been updated.

Technical questions pertaining to the above should be directed to Fred Gasper, Assistant State Conservation Engineer, at (517) 324-5248.

### **Conservation Practice**

The following Standard, Statement of Work, and Conservation Sheets have been updated in the Conservation Practice Folder.

- Deep Tillage (324)
- Deep Tillage Statement of Work
- Deep Tillage Conservation Sheet
- Soil Compaction Symptoms, Causes, Correction, and Prevention Conservation Sheet

Technical questions pertaining to the above should be directed to Jerry Grigar, State Agronomist, at (517) 324-5250.

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



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