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**TECHNICAL GUIDE
NOTICE #214 (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

Michigan Technical Notes

The following Michigan Technical Notes have been added:

Agronomy No. 38. Establishment of Vegetative Sod Strips in Greenhouse for Use in Vegetative Barriers.

Rose Lake Plant Materials Center (PMC) has developed a method of establishing grasses in sod strips for use as vegetative barriers. Miscanthus sinensis was the species used in the project. This technical note describes the method used to establish vegetative sod strips in the greenhouse and preparation for taking those strips to a field location.

Agronomy No. 39. Installation of Vegetative Sod Strips for Use as Vegetative Barriers.

Rose Lake PMC has developed a method of establishing grasses in sod strips for use as vegetative barriers. Miscanthus sinensis was the species used in the project. This technical note describes the method used to install vegetative sod strips into a field location to function as a vegetative barrier.

Biology No. 16. Comparison of Seed Germination Techniques for Common Elderberry [*Sambucus nigra* L. ssp. *canadensis* (L) R. Bolli] Accession 9084126.

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Rose Lake PMC is preparing to release an accession of common elderberry. Elderberry can be propagated by hardwood cuttings or by seed. Several seed stratification methods that have been reported in scientific literature were tested on seed of this common elderberry accession. Results and recommendations for commercial seed producers on seed stratification procedures for this accession are included in this technical note.

Forestry No. 27. Direct-Seeding Tree and Shrub Establishment

Rose Lake PMC, in cooperation with the NRCS State Forester, evaluated several woody plant species for their ability to be established by direct seeding. Time of planting was also evaluated. In general, fall planting of large masted species, such as walnut, oaks, or hickory species established better than spring plantings of those species. Light masted species, such as ash, maples, and birch did not establish satisfactorily in this test. The technical notes are intended to support recommendations in the Tree/Shrub Establishment (612) practice standard.

Questions pertaining to new Michigan Technical Notes should be directed to the Plant Materials Center Manager, John Leif, at (517) 641-6300.

SECTION IV: Practice Standards and Specifications

Conservation Practice

The following Standard and Conservation Sheet have been updated in the Conservation Practice Folder.

Tree/Shrub Establishment (Ac.) 612

Technical questions pertaining to the Tree/Shrub Establishment practice standard should be directed to the State Forester, Andy Henriksen, at (517) 324-5234.

Questions regarding eFOTG content management should be directed to Ruth Shaffer, Water Quality Specialist, at (517) 324-5239.



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