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**TECHNICAL GUIDE
NOTICE #218 (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 References

Economic Cost Data

The Introduction has been updated to change terminology from cost list to payment schedule.

In Economic Information/Guides, the rates for custom machine work has been updated for 2009.

A new folder titled Conservation Program Contract Economics has been added. It contains a fact sheet about conservation program contract financial feasibility.

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

Erosion Prediction

A link to the 2009 Modular Soil Erosion System (MOSES) database has been posted to the Water Erosion folder.

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

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SECTION II: Soil and Site Information

Michigan Native Plant Producers

The Michigan Native Plants Producers Association contact list has been updated.

Technical Questions should be addressed to Chris Reidy, State Biologist, at (517) 324-5267.

SECTION III: Conservation Management Systems

Conservation Activity Plans Technical Criteria

A folder has been added for Forest Management Plan technical criteria. Links to the following Forest Management Plan documents have been added:

- Forest Management Plan Criteria and Checklist – Practice/Activity Code 106
- Statement of Work – Michigan Forest Management Plan
- Checklist of Resource Concerns for Resource Sustainability

Technical questions should be directed to Andy Henriksen, State Forester, at (517) 324-5234.

SECTION IV: Standards and Specifications

The following conservation practice standards and conservation sheets have been updated:

Fence (382)

The Fence conservation practice standard has been updated to adopt language from the national standard. The standard has a new option for feed security fence to control deer access. A new table of construction requirements for interior permanent fence has been added. A table describing conditions that meet or exceed the standard has also been added.

The Fence conservation sheet has an updated design page and the practice certification criteria have been incorporated.

Technical questions should be directed to Betsy Dierberger, Grassland/Forage Specialist, at (517) 324-5265.

Mulching (484)

The Mulching conservation practice standard has been updated to adopt language from the national standard.

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

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

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