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**TECHNICAL GUIDE
NOTICE #225 (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

A. Reference Lists

The **History of Michigan NRCS American Indian Program** document is outdated and has been removed.

Technical questions should be directed to Sandy Penn, Outreach Specialist, at (517) 324-5261.

B. Economic Cost Data

The following has been added to **2. Economic Information and Guides:**

MSU Selected Agricultural Economics Reports and Land Value Surveys (weblink). This is a good source of information on current research reports. The report on changes in Michigan Land Values is located at the following:

Michigan Historical Highlights: 2007 and Earlier Census Years

Michigan 2008-2009 Highlights

These are useful files for seeing the highlights of Michigan agriculture.

The Average Component Costs folder has been renamed **3. Average Component Costs and Cost Tools**, and a **Crop Budget Cost of Production template** (Excel file) has been added to this folder.

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

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DIST: All Holders of the Field Office Technical Guide

SECTION IV: Standards and Specifications

Conservation Practice Standards

The conservation practice standard **Agrichemical Handling Facility (309)** has been revised to clarify that office space in the facility is limited to the space needed for agrichemical recordkeeping and to clarify acceptable coating types and contact requirements.

Questions regarding engineering practice standards should be directed to Steve Davis, State Conservation Engineer, at (517) 324-5232.

The conservation practice standard **Nutrient Management (590)** has been revised to reflect changes in national NRCS CNMP policy. Laboratories that conduct manure analysis must successfully meet the requirements and performance standards of the Manure Testing Laboratory Certification Program (MTLCP) administered by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Technical questions should be directed to Ruth Shaffer, Water Quality Specialist, at (517) 324-5239.

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

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