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## **TECHNICAL GUIDE**

### **NOTICE #233 (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**

##### **Economic Cost Data**

The **Construction Component Costs** given in the **Average Component Costs and Cost Tools** folder has been updated. Previous construction component costs have been archived.

Technical questions regarding economic cost data should be addressed to June Moss, Agricultural Economist, at (517) 324-5280.

#### **SECTION III: Conservation Management Systems**

##### **Conservation Activity Plans Technical Criteria**

Per National Bulletin 300-11-4, technical criteria have been added or updated for the following Conservation Activity Plans:

- Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
- Forest Management Plan
- Irrigation Water Management Plan
- Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition Plan
- Nutrient Management Plan
- Transition from Irrigated to Dryland Farming and Ranching Plan

The Statement of Work for Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans has also been updated.

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Technical questions on the Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan technical criteria and Statement of Work should be addressed to Betsy Dierberger, Grassland/Forage Specialist, at (517) 324-5265.

Technical questions on the Forest Management Plan technical criteria should be addressed to Andy Henriksen, State Forester, at (517) 324-5234.

Technical questions on the Irrigation Water Management Plan and Transition from Irrigated to Dryland Farming and Ranching Plan technical criteria should be addressed to Steve Davis, State Conservation Engineer, at (517) 324-5232.

Technical questions regarding the Nutrient Management Plan and the Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition technical criteria should be directed to Ruth Shaffer, Water Quality Specialist, at (517) 324-5239.

#### **SECTION IV: Practice Standards and Specifications**

##### **Conservation Practices**

The practice standard **Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops (798)** and conservation sheet have been updated to reflect changes in the national conservation practice standard. The definition has changed to remove the words, “..with no electrical, heating, and/or mechanical ventilation systems.”

Technical questions regarding the Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops practice standard should be addressed 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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