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**TECHNICAL GUIDE
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Purpose: To transmit information regarding the electronic NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG).

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Notice of Changes

SECTION I: General Resource References

Wind Erosion

Technical information on the Wind Erosion Prediction System (WEPS) has been added. Information on the Wind Erosion Equation (WEQ) has been archived.

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

SECTION III: Conservation Management Systems

Conservation Activity Plans Technical Criteria

Technical criteria have been updated for the following Conservation Activity Plans, to reflect changes in the national technical criteria:

Nutrient Management Plan

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

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DIST: All Holders of the Field Office Technical Guide

SECTION IV: Practice Standards and Specifications

Conservation Practices

The **O&M Plan** for the interim conservation practice standard **Seasonal High Tunnel for Crops (798)** has been updated.

Primary changes are as follows:

The Seasonal High Tunnel for Crops (798) Operation & Maintenance Plan was modified by removing the reference to an Irrigation Water Management Plan and inserting general irrigation water management actions. While it is clearly necessary to irrigate crops in a Seasonal High Tunnel for Crops (798), full implementation of Irrigation Water Management (449) in accordance with the established NRCS practice standard is not practical in those farming situations. There are several reasons for this impracticality including high variability in evapotranspiration and growth of multiple crops in a small space at one time; plus due to the types of irrigation equipment used there is a high variability of application rates and a lack of reasonable calibration methods. However, in order to achieve some of the irrigation water management conservation benefits as intended in the National Nutrient Management Strategy, a producer utilizing a Seasonal High Tunnel for Crops (798) should implement the water conservation measures now listed in the O&M Plan.

Technical questions should be addressed to Steve Davis, State Conservation Engineer, 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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