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**TECHNICAL GUIDE
NOTICE #244 (electronic)**

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

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Notice of Changes

SECTION I General References

Economic Cost Data

In Folder 5, Conservation Program Contract Economics, the FY2012 Payment Schedules have been added. Conservation Program Contract (CPC) payment development workbooks and copies of the program payment schedules are included in the FOTG as per policy in the 440 Conservation Program Contracting Manual and Title 200 Economics Handbook, Part 613 - Payment Schedules. The program development workbooks provide the background information on the typical practice implementations that were used as the cost basis for payment development.

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

Michigan Technical Notes

Forestry Technical Note #30 “Evaluation of Tree and Shrub Establishment Practices” has been developed to provide guidance on evaluating tree and shrub establishment practices, such as Tree/Shrub Establishment (612), Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380), and more. The technical note includes a field data collection sheet.

Technical questions should be addressed to Andy Henriksen, Forester, at (517) 324-5241

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SECTION IV Practice Standards and Specifications

Conservation Practices

In the folder for the conservation practice standard **Integrated Pest Management (595)**, the following fillable form has been added:

MSU Extension Pesticide Record Keeping Form

The form is based on one found in Michigan State University (MSU) Extension Bulletin E-2342 (Rev. 2009). It is available to help meet landowner recordkeeping requirements of the conservation practice standard.

Address technical questions 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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