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**TECHNICAL GUIDE  
NOTICE #246 (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**

**Michigan Technical Notes**

**Agronomy Technical Note #63 “Calibration of Truax No-Till Grain Drill (Model FLX 1188RD)”** explains how to calibrate a no-till grain drill. Soil Conservation District staff may find this information useful for the proper operation and calibration of the typical no-till grain drills offered to clients for establishment of conservation plantings.

Technical questions should be addressed to John Leif, Plant Materials Center Manager, at (517) 641-6300.

**SECTION II Conservation Management Systems**

**Conservation Activity Plans Technical Criteria**

**Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) Criteria Checklists** have been adapted for use by Technical Service Providers (TSPs) in Michigan for the following Conservation Activity Plans.. The checklists have been placed within each respective CAP folder:

- Agriculture Energy Management Plan- Headquarters (122)
- Agriculture Energy Management Plan – Landscape (124)
- Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (102) **Administrative Review Only**
- Drainage Water Management (103)
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat Management Plan (142)
- Grazing Management Plan (110)
- Integrated Pest Management (114)

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Integrated Pest Management Herbicide Resistance Plan (154)  
Nutrient Management Plan (104)  
Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Plan (146)  
Transition from Irrigated to Dry Land Farming and Ranching Plan (134)

Technical Questions should be directed to Sally Van Lieu, Resource Conservationist, at (517) 324-5279.

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

### **Conservation Practices**

The North Dakota State University Extension publication, **SF-1581, “Nitrogen Extenders and Additives”** has been added to the conservation practice standard **Nutrient Management (590)** folder. This document was recommended by Michigan State University Extension as applicable to Michigan. It can be used to assist landowners in choosing alternative slow-release nitrogen products.

Address technical questions to Ruth Shaffer, Water Quality Specialist, at (517) 324-5239.

## **SECTION V Conservation Effects**

### **NEPA Environmental Evaluation**

The form **CPA-52, Environmental Evaluation Worksheet** has been adapted for use in Michigan and moved to the new folder NEPA Environmental Evaluation. Specifically, the May 2012 CPA-52 form contains Michigan Environmental Evaluation Guides Sheets which contain guidance for NRCS-Michigan planners. The form was previously in Section II in the Cultural Resources Information folder.

Technical questions on form CPA-52 should be addressed to Sally Van Lieu, Resource Conservationist, at (517) 324-5279.

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

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