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**TECHNICAL GUIDE  
NOTICE #250 (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**

**Reference Material**

The following **Technical Notes** have been reviewed and are still current:

**Grazing Technical Note #1 – Precautions Needed for Livestock Heat Stress**  
**Grazing Technical Note #2 – Precautions for Wintering Livestock Outside**  
**Agronomy Technical Note #4a – Identification of Common Legumes**  
**Agronomy Technical Note #6 – Identification of Common Grasses**

**Agronomy Technical Note #5 – Get Top Protein Production in Alfalfa** has been archived.

Technical questions on these Technical Notes should be addressed to Betsy Dierberger, Grassland/Forage Specialist, at (517) 324-5265.

**SECTION III Conservation Management Systems**

**Resource Quality Criteria for RMS (was Quality Criteria for SWAPA)**

National Bulletin 450-13-2, dated October 7, 2012, directed states to replace the existing copy of the “National and State Resource Concerns and Quality Criteria” with the “National and State Resource Concerns and Planning Criteria”. The restructured list of resource concerns and the planning criteria is effective October 1, 2012. The resource concerns will be integrated in

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**DIST:** All Holders of the Field Office Technical Guide

Conservation Desktop deployment for fiscal year (FY) 2013. States will continue to use the legacy list of resource concerns in the ProTracts Application Evaluation and Ranking Tool during the transition year.

Technical questions on Resource Quality Criteria for RMS should be addressed to James Scott, State Resource Conservationist, at (517) 324-5281.

### **Conservation Plan Examples**

The **Grazing Plan Examples 1, 2 and 3** have been superseded by Grazing Technical Notes and have been archived.

Technical questions should be addressed to Betsy Dierberger, Grassland/Forage Specialist, at (517) 324-5265.

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

### **Conservation Practices**

The following National engineering conservation practice standards and accompanying Statements of Work and Operation and Maintenance Plans were adopted for use in Michigan:

- 591 – Amendment for Treatment of Agricultural Waste**
- 521D – Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment**
- 572 – Spoil Spreading**
- 629 – Waste Treatment**

Address technical questions to Sue Reamer, Environmental Engineer, at (517) 324-5252.

The conservation practice standard **Field Border (386)** has been updated to add pollinator habitat criteria and to make other minor edits.

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

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

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