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**TECHNICAL GUIDE
NOTICE #258 (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

Economic Cost Data

5. Conservation Program Contract Economics

The Conservation Program Contract Economics folder has been updated. The Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) payment development files and a copy of the nationally established payment rates spreadsheet for FY 2014 have been added to this folder.

Contact June Grabemeyer, Agricultural Economist, if you have questions about the use of these files at (517)-324-5280.

Michigan Technical Notes

Biology Technical Note #19: Availability of Conservation Plant Releases from Rose Lake Plant Materials Center. This technical note describes the plant release process from the NRCS Plant Materials Program and provides a list of commercial seed growers or nurseries that offer releases from the Rose Lake Plant Materials Center. This is an update to the 2013 grower list. Previous editions of this document should be deleted.

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

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DIST: All Holders of the Field Office Technical Guide

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SECTION III Conservation Management Systems

Conservation Activity Plans Technical Criteria

National Bulletin NB 300-14-6 updated program and technical guidance of 17 approved **Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs)** for fiscal year 2014. The following technical changes were made to CAP criteria:

The technical criteria for **CAP 104 Nutrient Management Plan** were modified to focus on the items required under Plans and Specifications for conservation practice standard **Nutrient Management (590)**. The revised CAP no longer requires associated conservation practices to be planned as part of land treatment. The approach assumes that NRCS has developed a conservation plan that includes these practices.

CAP 108 Feed Management Plan and **CAP 112 Prescribed Burning Plan** are new for 2014.

CAP 124 Agriculture Energy Management Plan Landscape (Landscape AgEMP) has been revised to be in the form of an energy audit for landscape field operations. This CAP and **CAP 122 Headquarters Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP)** have additional tables added to document the energy audit.

CAP 150 Oil Spill Prevention Control Countermeasures Plan (SPCC) is not offered in 2014 and has been archived. The NRCS will continue to provide technical and financial assistance to help implement approved SPCC plans and conservation practices.

The following CAPs are supported with plan templates:

- 106 – Forest Management Plan
- 114 – Integrated Pest Management Plan
- 134 – Conservation Plan Supporting Transition from Irrigation to Dryland Plan
- 138 – Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition
- 154 – Integrated Pest Management Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan

Technical questions on the Integrated Pest Management Plan (114), Integrated Pest Management Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan (154), Nutrient Management Plan (104), and the Conservation Plan supporting Organic Transition (138) should be addressed to Ruth Shaffer, Water Quality Specialist at (517) 324-5239.

Technical questions on the Irrigation Water Management Plan (118), the two Agricultural Energy Management Plans (122 and 124), and the Drainage Water Management Plan (130) should be addressed to Rick Woodford, State Conservation Engineer at (517) 324-5232

Technical questions on the Fish and Wildlife Habitat Management Plan (142), the Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Plan (146) and the Prescribed Burning Plan (112) should be addressed to Dan Zay, State Biologist at (517) 324-5267.

Technical questions on the Forest Management Plan (106) should be addressed to Andy Henriksen, State Forester at (517) 324-5234.

Technical questions on the Grazing Management Plan (110) and the Feed Management Plan (108) should be addressed to Betsy Dierberger, Grassland/Forage Specialist at (517) 324-5265.

Technical questions on the Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (102) 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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