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**TECHNICAL GUIDE  
NOTICE #263 (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 II. Natural Resources Information**

**Soils Information**

A link to the **NRCS Soils Ecological Site Inventory Forestland Application**, with instructions on how to obtain Forestry Productivity information, has been placed in the Soils Information folder in Section II of Michigan's FOTG. **Note:** at this time, only Site Index information is available. Forestland Productivity (cu. ft. /ac. /yr.) data is not available at this time for some soils in Web Soil Survey. This link is meant to replace Site-Index data dropped (on-going) from Web Soil Survey.

Technical questions about this informational material should be addressed to Martin Rosek, State Soil Scientist, at (517) 324-5241 or Andy Henriksen, State Forester, (517) 324-5234.

**Climatic Data**

A document listing sources of **Climatic Data**, including web links to data sources, was updated to reflect changes in web links.

The NOAA Regional Climate Centers (RCCs) - Applied Climate Information Center (ACIS) includes a product called AgACIS (<http://agacis.rcc-acis.org>), which was developed by USDA-NRCS to provide climatic data and analysis needed by NRCS and others providing conservation technical assistance. The web-based tool draws on county-level climate data to develop month-by-month summary and probability analyses of temperature, precipitation, and other climatic information. An updated web link to the online tool was added to Section II of Michigan's FOTG.

A list of the five-digit Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) county codes is also included for reference.

Technical questions regarding this online tool should be addressed to Richard Woodford, State Conservation Engineer, at (517) 324- 5232.

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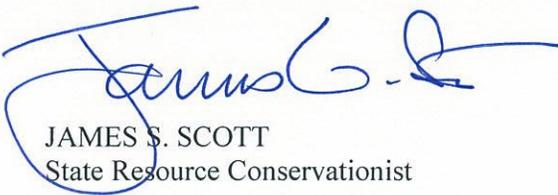
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**Rose Lake Plant Materials Center**

A list of **Growers of Rose Lake Plant Materials Center (PMC) Releases** has been placed in Section II of the eFOTG. The list is also available in Michigan Biology Technical Notice # 19, "Availability of Conservation Plant Releases from Rose Lake Plant Materials Center".

Technical questions about this informational material should be addressed to John Leif, Plant Material Center Manager, at (517) 641-6300.

Questions regarding Field Office Technical Guide should be addressed to Ruth Shaffer, Water Quality Specialist, at (517) 324-5239.



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