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**TECHNICAL GUIDE
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Notice of Changes

SECTION I. General Information

Michigan Technical Notes

Agronomy

Michigan Agronomy Technical Note #31, "Description of Nitrogen Fertilizers, Soil Reactions and Products that Enhance Nitrogen use Efficiency" has been updated. This is an updated list of the old and new fertilizer products available for reducing volatilization loss and leaching loss of nitrogen.

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

Biology

Michigan Biology Technical Note #21, "Sweetgrass Collection, Propagation, and Harvest", has been added. This technical note was developed by the Rose Lake Plant Materials Center and the Bridger Plant Materials Center in Bridger, MT. It describes methods of collection, propagation, and harvest of sweetgrass. Sweetgrass is a culturally significant plant for many Native American tribes.

Technical questions should be addressed to John Durling, Acting Rose Lake PMC Manager, at (517) 641-6300.

Section II Natural Resources Information

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National Wetland Plant List (NWPL)

The **National Wetland Plant List (NWPL)** was updated in 2014. A web link to the NWPL has been added to Section II.

The 2014 NWPL replaces and supersedes all previous wetland plant lists used by NRCS. NRCS-Michigan will use the 2014 NWPL for all wetland determinations in conjunction with the COE 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual and appropriate Corps of Engineers (COE) Regional Supplements. NRCS will use the appropriate plant list for each COE Regional Supplement.

Technical questions should be directed to Daniel Zay, State Biologist, at (517) 324-5267.

Section IV Conservation Practice Standards

Conservation Practices

Under **Nutrient Management (590)**, the spreadsheet, “**MSU Nutrient Recommendations Version 6**” was archived and replaced with a web link to the **MSU Fertilizer Recommendation Program**, an online tool for calculating fertilizer recommendations for field crops based on soil tests. The web link to the updated tool can be found in the folder, **Nutrient Management Tools and References**.

Technical questions should be addressed to Ruth Shaffer, Water Quality Specialist, at (517) 324-5239.

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