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MARYLAND TECHNICAL GUIDE

CHANGE NOTICE NO. 74

Purpose. To distribute conservation practice standards and job sheets in Section IV. A revised List of Conservation Practices and the Change Notice Register have also been updated.

Effective Date. Upon receipt.

Explanation. Section IV: The following Maryland conservation practice standards are issued as final:

- **Hedgerow Planting (Code 422)** – This Maryland standard has been updated to include the option to use tall stiff-stemmed grasses for hedgerow plantings, as per the revised National standard. This allows the use of this practice for tall warm-season grasses, trees, and shrubs adjacent to poultry houses. No significant changes were made other portions of the standard.
- **Integrated Pest Management (Code 595)** – Formerly “Pest Management.” The “Purpose” and “Additional Criteria” of this Maryland Standard have been updated to emphasize prevention or mitigation of pesticide risks to water quality, drift and volatilization, pollinators and beneficial species. Specific “Recordkeeping” requirements are more detailed and now include documentation of population/degree of infestation and the crop or plant community condition, when and where each pest suppression technique was implemented, and when and where special IPM techniques were implemented to mitigate site-specific pesticide risks.
- **Pumping Plant (Code 533)** – This new Maryland standard is applicable where conservation objectives require the use of a mechanical system to pressurize and transfer water, wastewater, or other liquid materials.
- **Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops (Code 798)** – This interim standard was revised and issued electronically in October to remove previous restrictions on electrical, heating, and/or mechanical ventilation systems.
- **Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (Code 380)** – Specific references to poultry house windbreaks have been deleted from this standard. Specifications for designing and installing linear vegetative barriers (grasses, shrubs, trees) near poultry houses are provided in two Hedgerow Planting job sheets.

The following are new Maryland job sheets (issued electronically only):

- **Hedgerow Planting Job Sheets** – Job sheets are provided for *Warm-Season Grasses for Poultry Houses* and *Trees and Shrubs for Poultry Houses*.

The following Maryland conservation practice standard has been cancelled:

- **Prescribed Forestry (Code 409)** – This practice code was cancelled nationally. It was replaced with activity code 106 – Forest Management Plan – Written.

Filing
Instructions.

Section I:

- File this Change Notice and the Change Notice Register (new page xix) in the front of Section I of the Field Office Technical Guide.

Section IV-A:

- File the revised List of Conservation Practice Standards in the front of Section IV-Practice Standards. Discard the old list.
- Remove and discard the old standards for Codes 380, 409, 422, 595, and 798.
- File the new standards for Codes 380, 422, 533, 595, and 798 in Section IV.

Distribution.

This Change Notice, the Change Notice Register, and Section IV practice standards are being distributed as paper copies to Maryland NRCS Field Service Centers. All documents will also be electronically distributed on the eFOTG at the following address: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> . Click on Maryland, and go to the appropriate section.

If you have questions concerning this Change Notice, please contact Anne Lynn, State Resource Conservationist.

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Attachments

DIST: Maryland NRCS Field Offices (w/ attachments)
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