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MARYLAND TECHNICAL GUIDE
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Purpose. To provide instructions on updating the list of Resource Concerns and Planning Criteria in Section III. Distribute Conservation Practice Standards, Statement of Work and Job Sheets in Section IV. The List of Conservation Practices and the Change Notice Register have also been updated.

Effective Date. Upon receipt.

Explanation. Section III: The Resource Concerns and Planning Criteria for Conservation Planning has been restructured to support CDSI science-based planning approach. *(Per National Bulletin 450-12-05, States will continue to use the legacy list of resource concerns for program application ranking in the ProTracts Application Evaluation and Ranking (AERT) tool during this transition year to the new concerns.)*

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

- **Deep Tillage (Code 324)** – This new Maryland standard is used to perform tillage operations below the normal tillage depth.
- **Conservation Crop Rotation (Code 328)** – The Maryland standard has been revised and a new Conservation Practice Job Sheet has been created.
- **Cover Crop (Code 340)** – The Maryland standard has been revised and a new Conservation Practice Job Sheet has been created.
- **Forage Harvest Management (Code 511)** – The Maryland standard has been revised.
- **Prescribed Grazing (Code 528)** - The Maryland standard has been revised.
- **Nutrient Management (Code 590)** - The Maryland standard has been revised.

Filing Instructions. Section I:
File this Change Notice and the Change Notice Register (new page xxi) in the front of Section I of the Field Office Technical Guide.

Section III. File the revised Table of Contents.

File the revised Resource Concerns and Planning Criteria for Conservation Planning in Section III under Quality Criteria for Resource Management Systems. Discard the old list.

Section IV-A: Contents of this section are distributed in electronic format (eFOTG) only. If desired, paper copies of the standards may be downloaded from the eFOTG and filed in Section IV-A of the FOTG binder.

- File the revised List of Conservation Practice Standards in the front of Section IV-Practice Standards. Discard the old list.
- File the new and revised standards for 324, 328, 340, 511, 528, and 590 in Section IV. Discard the old standards.

Section IV-B:

- There are two new Conservation Practice Job Sheets – Conservation Crop Rotation (Code 328) and Cover Crop (Code 340).

File the revised List of Conservation Practice Instruction Sheets in the front of Section IV – B – Conservation Practice Instruction Sheets (Job Sheets).

The job sheets will be filed in Section IV-B on eFOTG and will also be filed with the Conservation Practice Standards.

Distribution. This Change Notice, the Change Notice Register, and Section IV documents are being distributed as electronic documents 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 these practice standards, please contact Jerry Raynor, State Resource Conservationist at (443) 482-2908.



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Attachments

DIST: Maryland NRCS Field Offices (w/ attachments)
Maryland State Technical Committee (Change Notice only)