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MARYLAND TECHNICAL GUIDE
CHANGE NOTICE NO. 93

Purpose. To distribute FY 15 Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs) Payment Rate Schedule in Section I and Conservation Activity Plans (Criteria and Templates) in Section III. The Change Notice Register has also been updated.

Effective Date. Upon receipt.

Explanation.

Section I-C: Updated FY15 CAP Payment Rates has been posted.

Section III-D: The eFOTG has been updated to include national criteria for the Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs) that are available in Maryland. Key changes to approved CAPs for FY15 include the following:

- CAP 102, Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan, had edits to fix some formatting issues, but no changes were made to the actual CNMP criteria.
- CAP 106, Forest Management Plan, and the supporting templates had edits to improve clarification and update hyperlinks were inserted.
- CAP 122, Agricultural Energy Management Plan – Headquarters, and CAP 124, Agricultural Energy Management Plan – Landscape, are not offered during FY 2015.
- CAP 128, Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP) is new for FY 2015 and will replace CAPs 122 and 124.
- CAP 138, Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition, has been revised and is now a resource inventory with recommended practices to support the transition to an organic system plan. The new template provides detailed inventory and data needed by the producer to make informed decisions. The template also aids in completion of the organic application and provides resource inventory information for NRCS or another technical service provider (TSP) to develop the conservation plan.
- CAP 154, IPM Herbicide Resistant Weed Conservation Plan, is an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan with an emphasis on modifying herbicide use for suppressing weeds on cropland.

Plan CAP Templates: Some CAPs have templates to provide a more direct outline of the essential information that is to be included in the plan. The following CAPs are supported with plan templates:

- Forest Management Plan (106)
- Integrated Pest Management (114)
- Irrigation Water Management (118)
- Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition (138)
- IPM Herbicide Resistant Weed Conservation (154)

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Instructions.

Section I: The FY15 CAP Payment Rates is distributed in electronic format (eFOTG) only. If desired paper copies of the Payment Rates may be downloaded from the eFOTG and filed in Section I-C of the FOTG binder. File the Change Notice, the Change Notice Register and Table of Contents in the front of Section I of the Field Office Technical Guide.

Section III: Contents of this section are distributed in electronic format (eFOTG) only. If desired, paper copies of the CAP's may be downloaded from the eFOTG and filed in Section III-D of the FOTG binder. File the Table of Contents. Archive CAP 122 and CAP 124.

Distribution.

All documents may be downloaded from the MD NRCS eFOTG web page:
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg>

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Attachments

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