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This notice transmits updates to Section I – Maps, Nebraska Map, Nebraska Vegetative Zones and also updates Section II – Statewide Soil and Site Information, Windbreak Interpretations, Conservation Tree and Shrub Groups.

Section I – Nebraska Vegetative Zones

Updates to the Nebraska Vegetative Zones consist of minor relocations of zone boundaries further east.

Section II – Conservation Tree and Shrub Groups

Conservation Tree and Shrub Groups have been updated from several perspectives. The number of soils groups has changed from 10 to 22. A description of these new definitions is included, as are list of soils by the 22 soils groups and tables of trees and shrubs suitable for each soils group. These tables are for use by conservationists when selecting conservation trees and shrubs to be planted. Also included is a summary of all plants on the list plus comments regarding the characteristics and use of each species (formerly Table 11). Note: Nebraska Vegetative Zones have been changed to more closely represent precipitation zones. There are still four vegetative zones; their locations have been altered. See Vegetative Zone Map dated 11/09.

The species that have been removed from the plant list are: Russian olive, Autumn olive, Amur honeysuckle, and Scots (formerly Scotch) pine. These species are no longer approved for conservation plantings. They have been removed because of their tendency to be invasive (i.e., Russian olive, Autumn olive, Amur honeysuckle) or because of disease problems (i.e., Scots pine). All removed species are non-native to Nebraska.

Another potentially invasive species, Siberian elm, was left on the list. However, it is now approved for planting in Vegetative Zone I only.

If you have any questions, please contact Constance Miller, NRCS State Forester at 402-437-4029, e-mail: constance.miller@ne.usda.gov.

Note: The State Office will archive a hard copy of all materials and copies of electronic files of materials removed on the Nebraska eFOTG site under Section I, Archive, Maps, Nebraska Maps and to Section II, Archive, Statewide Soil and Site Information, Windbreak Interpretations, Conservation Tree and Shrub Groups. If Field Offices wish to maintain an archived hard copy, of the above referenced materials they may do so.

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