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This notice transmits updates to Section IV – Practices Standards and Specifications in the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG).

Revised Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops Interim Standard

On February 18, 2010, Interim Practice Standard (798) Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops was issued via Technical Guide Notice 611. Based on feedback from States, the interim standard was revised nationally to clarify purposes and technical criteria, and add additional flexibility for the application of the practice.

The following revisions have been made to the attached Interim (798) Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops practice standard:

- (1) Removed the purpose to extend the growing season because extending the growing season is not a resource concern. However, “extend the growing season” in the definition of the interim practice was kept.
- (2) Added two additional resource concerns:
 - (i) Improving air quality through reduced transportation inputs.
 - (ii) Reducing energy use through local consumption.
- (3) Added additional criteria for:
 - (i) Improving air quality through reduced transportation inputs.
 - (ii) Reducing energy use through local consumption.
- (4) Clarified the criteria as to when the tunnel cover should be removed.
- (5) Removed the reference to the Soil Condition Index (SCI) for the soil quality criteria.

If you have any questions about the Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops Standard please contact Corey Brubaker, State Conservation Agronomist, at (402) 437-4164 or by e-mail at corey.brubaker@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 IV, Archive, Conservation Practices. If Field Offices wish to maintain an archived hard copy, of the above referenced standards as a reference, they may do so.

If you have any filing or generic questions, please contact Jamie Petersen at (402) 437-4063 or by e-mail at jamie.petersen@ne.usda.gov.

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