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This notice transmits updates to Section I – General Resource References and Section III – Conservation Management Systems in the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG).

**Section I – Cost Data**

The Cost Data Reference List by Subject also includes updated links to the following: Census of Agriculture, Commodity Costs and Returns Estimation Handbook, Cornhusker Economics, and University of Nebraska Ag Extension.

The Cost Data Subsection Index includes updated links to the following: Nebraska Farm Custom Rates Part I (2010), Nebraska Farm Custom Rates Part II (2010), Nebraska Farm Real Estate Market Developments, Nebraska Crop Budgets, Estimated Irrigation Costs, Crop and Livestock Prices for Nebraska Producers, Approximate Retail Prices of Selected Herbicides. The link for the Farm Machinery Economic Cost Estimates has been removed.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Breuer, State Agricultural Economist, at 402-437-4126 or by email at [julie.breuer@ne.usda.gov](mailto:julie.breuer@ne.usda.gov).

**Section I – Erosion Prediction**

A table has been added to the Erosion Prediction section to provide guidance on typical maximum residue levels for technically adequate plans. When doing erosion calculations and developing conservation plans, planned residue levels should not exceed those listed in the table. **These values do not preclude running soil loss calculations to verify that the planned residue levels are adequate to meet soil loss objectives.**

**Section III – Basic Conservation Systems**

The quality criteria for Basic Conservation Systems have been revised to include additional information for sodbuster planning.

If you have any questions, please contact Corey Brubaker, State Agronomist, at 402-437-4164 or by email at [corey.brubaker@ne.usda.gov](mailto:corey.brubaker@ne.usda.gov).

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