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## TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 621

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

**Seasonal High Tunnel Standard (798)** — The definition for Interim Practice Standard (798) Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops has been revised to eliminate the requirement that no electrical, heating, and/or mechanical ventilation system would be allowed in these structures. These systems are now allowed but will not be cost shared. Remember, these are not greenhouses and plants must be grown in the natural soil profile.

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

**Watering Facility Standard (614)** — Updates include minor edits as required due to changes to the national standard which clarified when escape features are necessary. Notation was also made that ramps must extend to the bottom of the tank and must provide a “graspable” surface.

**Watering Facility (614) Appendix A** — Updates include notation that the ramp must extend to the bottom of the tank.

Nebraska Conservation Planning Sheet 22 included a minor edit to define VZ as Nebraska Vegetative Zones on the Design Chart table.

**Field Border Standard (386)** — Updates include minor edits as required due to changes to the national standard which now includes reference to pollinator habitat.

**Field Border Upland Bird Habitat Design Procedures (386DP)** — Update includes changes to Appendix A which defines where field borders for wildlife habitat are acceptable and what species will benefit. These changes will accommodate a recent decision by the Nebraska FSA State Committee to allow the use of Continuous CRP, CP-33 statewide.

**Riparian Buffer (390 & 391) Appendix A** — Updates include changes to the recommended buffer types in eastern Nebraska to correspond to recent changes to Nebraska Vegetative Zones.

If you have any questions contact Ritch Nelson, State Wildlife Biologist at (402)437-4100 or by e-mail at [ritch.nelson@ne.usda.gov](mailto:ritch.nelson@ne.usda.gov).



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](mailto:jamie.petersen@ne.usda.gov).

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