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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE

SUBJECT: Ohio Agronomy Technical Note OH-4

Purpose. To release Ohio Agronomy Technical Note OH- 4 “Ohio Warm Season Grass Cultivars for the Conservation Reserve Program.”

Effective Date. Effective upon receipt.

Filing Instructions. The electronic version of the Ohio Agronomy Technical Note OH-4 “Ohio Warm Season Grass Cultivars for the Conservation Reserve Program” is accessible at: http://www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/ohio_eFOTG.html, under Section I, C. Reference Lists. 1. Agronomy, Agronomy Technical Notes.

Background: Selection of adapted cultivars is very important in the successful establishment of warm season grasses. Producers would not think of planting corn or soybeans without picking out a named, tested variety that would do well on their farm. However, when it comes to CRP plantings, many producers just plant whatever is available or cheapest, without regard to the cultivar, adaptability, or origin of what they are planting. The following information on warm season grass cultivars is intended to assist producers in selecting seed that will increase the success of their CRP plantings.

(Recommendations are primarily for CRP cover and do not address all of the other potential considerations for forage, landscape, or restoration plantings).

Contact. If you have any questions regarding Ohio Agronomy Technical Note OH-4, Ohio Warm Season Grass Cultivars for the Conservation Reserve Program., please contact Steve Davis, Watershed Program Coordinator, at (419) 222-0614 (108) or email steve.davis@oh.usda.gov or Mark Scarpitti, State Agronomist, at (740) 653-1500 ext. 40 or email mark.scarpitti@oh.usda.gov.

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