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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE

SUBJECT: Ohio Agronomy Technical Note OH-5

Purpose. To release Ohio Agronomy Technical Note OH-5 “Conservation Cover Establishment Guide.”

Effective Date. Effective upon receipt.

Filing Instructions. The electronic version of the Ohio Agronomy Technical Note OH-5 “Conservation Cover Establishment Guide.” 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: This guide is intended to assist FSA, SWCD and NRCS personnel as well as CRP participants in evaluating newly seeded stands of conservation cover. It contains minimum thresholds of plants per square foot to help determine if establishment was successful, or if re-seeding is necessary.

This guide should be used in conjunction with Appendix A - Seeding Tables, appropriate job sheets, and identification guides such as the Conservation Plants – Pocket ID Guide and Central Region Seedling ID Guide for Native Prairie Plants if needed. See Section 8: References of this Ohio Technical Note OH-5 for links to these guides.

Consult Appendix A – Seeding Tables found in the Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG) for information such as seeding rates, seeding depth, and seeding dates as well as recommendations for field preparation, planting methods, and weed control.

Contact. If you have any questions regarding Ohio Agronomy Technical Note OH-5, Conservation Cover Establishment Guide, please contact Mark Scarpitti, State Agronomist, at (740) 653-1500 ext. 40 or email mark.scarpitti@oh.usda.gov. Refer questions regarding wildlife seedings to Mark DeBrock, Biologist, at (614) 255-2462 or email mark.debrock@oh.usda.gov.

Distribution. The availability of this directive, with enclosure, is limited to electronic format. It is accessible through the Ohio NRCS Electronic Directives System at http://www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/ohio_eFOTG.html

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