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FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE OK450-144

SUBJECT: Update to Section I, Cost Lists Index and Cost Lists

Effective Date: Effective when received.

Explanation of Changes. Attached are files containing the updated program cost lists for 2003 program activities for all major programs. Cost changes and updates have been made in all lists, so offices should reference the cost lists in all program and planning activities where cost data is required. Changes in costs to update to the current average costs and minor changes to component names are highlighted in the cost lists.

Changes in cost-share rate percentages:

Several irrigation water conveyance practices and components, and new irrigation systems were dropped to 50% cost-share in the EQIP cost lists.

Mechanical Brush Removal – High Priority was reduced to a 50% cost-share rate.

Components deleted or removed from some or all cost lists:

Brush management components that were for a complete chemical application have been removed from the lists and replaced by new components (see below).

Concrete Block Chute (CONB) – no longer being used in engineering designs

Concrete – Prefab Reinforced Concrete Box (CONPB) – no longer being used in engineering designs.

Alfalfa (GAA) – removed from several practices, due to stand longevity and concerns that the effective lifespan of the practice will require additional reseeding and maintenance to ensure functionality of the practice.

Components added (or revised) in some or all cost lists:

Several new components and categories of components have been added to the brush management components. All broadcast or aerial chemical application components have been revised to have the herbicide component(s) separate from the component for the application of the herbicide(s), allowing for easier computation of mixtures.

Moved ALD and LNA waste management components to Waste Utilization, code 633, because of the removal of Waste Management System, code 312, from the practice lists.

All rock and gravel components have been combined into one component Rock and/or Gravel (ROCK) which will be computed on a CY unit, rather than having some lists by TON and the rest by CY.

Nutrient Management and Pest Management incentive payment components have been added back in for use under specific situations.

Water Well Plugging of old domestic and livestock wells (WWPDL) has been added to EQIP lists under the practice code 351, well decommissioning, as a separate component from irrigation wells.

Prescribed burning components have been revised to correlate with the burn categories defined in the standard and specification for the practice.

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Pumping Facility – Waste Water (PFWW) has been added in association with practice code, 533, Pumping Plant.

Irrigation Well Pump Rehabilitation (IWPR) has been added in association with practice code, 533, Pumping Plant, for use with conversion of existing irrigation systems.

Goat browsing incentive payments (PGGS and PGGR) have been added under the prescribed grazing practice, 528A, for two types of goat grazing and management scenarios.

Fence: Net Wire-Woven Mesh and Five Wire Permanent Power Fence have been added to the allowable fencing components.

Firebreak–burned firebreak (FBF) was added, to address that specific type of firebreak.

Surge Valve (SV) has been added for use on gated pipe within a surface irrigation system.

Filing Instructions. The index and pages that are removed can be archived. File the enclosures, as appropriate for program activities in your office, in Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide. The FIP Cost List is being frozen with the 2002 Cost List. Offices with FIP contracts should maintain that cost list in the FOTG until the program is completed.

Cost list files for use in Customer Service Toolkit for all programs will be automatically downloaded to field office servers the week of November 18, 2002, and will also be posted to the Oklahoma NRCS website at that time.

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Cost Data Index dated 11/02	Cost Data Index dated 11/02 (rev.)
Glossary of Terms dated 10/01	Glossary of Terms dated 11/02
	Practice Component Definitions for 2003 Program Cost lists dated 11/02
EQIP Cost List dated 01 /02	EQIP Cost List dated 11/02
WRP Cost List dated 10/01	WRP Cost List dated 11/02
WHIP Cost List dated 06/02	WHIP Cost List dated 11/02
GP Cost List dated 10/01	GP Cost List dated 11/02
High Plains Aquifer-EQIP Cost List dated 07/02	High Plains Aquifer-EQIP Cost List dated 11/02
Lugert Altus Watershed (Law) Cost List dated 10/01	Lugert Altus Watershed (Law) Cost List dated 11/02
PL-534 FPO Cost List dated 10/01	PL-534 FPO Cost List dated 11/02
PL-566 SWO Cost List dated 10/01	PL-566 SWO Cost List dated 11/02
SWCA Cost List dated 10/01	SWCA Cost List dated 11/02
ACP-LTA Cost List dated 01/99	

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Enclosures