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FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE OK450-165

SUBJECT: Update to Section I – Revisions to Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Cost List and Index to Cost Lists. Update to Section IV – Revised Index and two Standards.

Effective Date: Effective when received.

Explanation of Changes. The **CRP Cost List** was revised for use in conservation plan development and conservation plan revisions associated with the 26th Sign-up for CRP. The Farm Service Agency is finalizing their cost list in 2-CRP. This cost list reflects changes being made to the list of applicable practices and costs in 2-CRP.

The component for using mowing for management has been added to the 327 – Conservation Cover practice for payment. Significant changes have been made in how forbs and legumes will be contracted. Forbs and legumes are grouped into one component for a single species or for mixtures, and are no longer listed by individual species. The 643 practice and its applicable cost components have been incorporated. The seedbed preparation components following the higher priority mechanical brush treatments have been added to the 512 and 550 practices. The fertilizer for CRP contracts will be handled under one component (the FT1) and will have an established maximum cost share. Costs of several components have been revised to reflect current average cost, specifically ATA, BTA, FT1, MW, FBCGL, FBHE, and WT1.

The Conservation Cover Standard has updated mowing and burning guidance. The Watering Facility has been updated to provide more complete guidance for designing livestock watering systems.

Filing Instructions. Print and file the index and CRP cost list in Section I of the FOTG as instructed below. Offices with active CRP contracts should archive the November 2002 cost list. Offices that have filed the CRP cost list dated 08/03 can discard that version.

Print and file the attachments for Section IV of the FOTG as instructed below. The removed documents can be discarded.

Remove from Section I

Insert in Section I

Index Cost Data dated 8/03

Index Cost Data dated 9/03

Cost List for CRP dated 8/03

Cost List for CRP dated 9/03

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DIST: AO

Remove from Section IV

Index of Oklahoma Standards and Specifications dated 08/03

Conservation Cover (327) dated 12/00

Watering Facility (614) dated 04/02

Insert in Section IV

Index of Oklahoma Standards and Specifications dated 09/03

Conservation Cover (327) dated 09/03

Watering Facility (614) dated 09/03

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Enclosures