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Purpose:

To provide the Cost Benefit template for promoting conservation on field borders/edges.

Background:

This Cost Benefit Analysis was presented at Boot Camp II this year. Since then, several Field Offices have requested this spreadsheet.

The attached spreadsheet is a cost benefit analysis for the border/edge of a field where there is an existing tree line. This analysis can be helpful in convincing decision makers to apply conservation practices along the tree line. The analysis documents that there is a reduction in yield along the tree line. In addition to documenting a reduction in yield, this spreadsheet can be easily modified for a group of clients within your team. The data sources include PA Agriculture Statistics Service and Penn State Agronomy Guide.

Access Instructions:

The Pennsylvania eFOTG can be accessed at the following web address:

<http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx?Fips=42027&menuName=menuPA.zip> and clicking on Section I. The official version of the FOTG is what appears in Pennsylvania's eFOTG.

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Attachment