



SUBJECT: Technical Guide Notice 187

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TO: All Holders of the PA Technical Guide

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Purpose:

To release publication NRCS Cover Crop Termination Guidelines – Non Irrigated Cropland, update standard (340) Cover Crop to reflect new general criteria for terminating cover crops according to the new guidelines, and updating standards (332) Contour Buffer Strips, and (393) Filter Strip.

Background:

To assure consistency between NRCS and RMA guidance, to Cover Crop (code 340) was added the general criterion applicable to all purposes “For non-irrigated cover crops, the cover crop termination must occur at or before the time periods specified in the publication NRCS Cover Crop Termination Guidelines – Non Irrigated Cropland (located in the Field Office Tech Guide).”

The new publication NRCS Cover Crop Termination Guidelines – Non Irrigated Cropland (June 2013) is new posted to eFOTG Section IV Cover Crop (340) folder.

Finally, routine reviews to assure consistency with the National Handbook of Conservation Practice Standards found no changes required to Contour Buffer Strips (code 332) and Filter Strip (code 393) Conservation Practice Standards. Other than changing the review date, no changes were required to these standards.

Access Instructions

You can access Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide Table of Contents directly at the following web address: <http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/toc.aspx?CatID=12487>

The entire Pennsylvania Field Office Technical Guide can be accessed at the following website: <http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/>

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Attachments: Cover Crop (340) Standard
NRCS Cover Crop Termination Guidelines
Contour Buffer Strips (332) Standard
Filter Strip (393) Standard

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