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Purpose. This notice transmits updates to the FOTG – Field Office Technical Guide for Conservation Practices:

- Section IV- Standard PA331, *Contour Orchard and Other Perennial Crops*, Standard PA333, *Amending Soil Properties with Gypsum Products*, and PA595 *Pest Management and the 595 Jobsheet 3.0*.

Effective Date. This notice is effective immediately.

Explanation of Changes. PA331, *Contour Orchard and Other Perennial Crops Standard, Statement of Work, Implementation Requirements, and Practice Overview* have been updated. Key changes are listed below.

- Removed wind erosion as one of the purposes and the technology addresses only sheet and rill erosion from water.
- Provided edits to the purposes to align with the NRCS list of natural resource concerns.
- Added the criteria for additional temporary erosion control measures on sites that are disturbed.
- Reduced the allowable contour row grade from 10 percent to 4percent.
- Added criteria for inward sloping benches to improve sediment trapping on the slopes.
- Added minor edits throughout the standard to improve clarity.

PA333, *Amending Soil Properties with Gypsum Products Standard, Statement of Work, Implementation Requirements, and Practice Overview* have been added.

- This is a new conservation practice standard using the technology of gypsum products to improve soil structure and to reduce phosphorus runoff from fields and buffer areas.

PA595, *Pest Management and 595 Job Sheet 3.0* used when planning for PA595 *Integrated Pest Management*, updates previous version.

- Formatted improvements to readability and usability.
- Differentiated prevention and mitigation risks and techniques. Added separate implementation requirement worksheets for prevention and mitigation techniques.
- Added Drift as a pesticide specific resource concern.



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