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**SUBJECT: VIRGINIA FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE – SECTION IV –
Interim Virginia Conservation Practice Standard**

Purpose: To transmit the revised interim Virginia Conservation Practice Standard Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops (Code 798) and Job Sheet.

Effective Date: Upon receipt.

Filing Instructions: These documents have been filed at: <http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov>.

Explanation: Based on feedback from states, some revisions were made to clarify purposes and technical criteria, and add additional flexibility for the application of the practice. The following revisions have been made to the attached interim standard for Seasonal High Tunnel Systems for Crops practice standard:

1. Removed the purpose to extend the growing season because extending the growing season is not a resource concern. However, we did keep extend the growing season in the definition of the interim practice.
2. Removed the "existing" cropland criteria from "Conditions Where Practice Applies" and changed to cropland.
3. Added two additional resource concerns: (a) improving air quality through reduced transportation inputs and (b) reducing energy use through local consumption.
4. Added additional criteria for: (a) improving air quality through reduced transportation inputs and (b) reducing energy use through local consumption.
5. Clarified the criteria as to when the tunnel cover should be removed.
6. Removed the reference to the Soil Condition Index (SCI) for the soil quality criteria.

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Enclosures

