

TO: All Holders of the Field Office Technical Guide
2012

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VERMONT TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 44

PURPOSE: Revisions and Additions to the Field Office Tech Guide

EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Receipt

BACKGROUND:

The following items have been revised or added to the Field Office Tech Guide.

1. **Updated** in Section IV-A-Tools: HEL Determination Tool. This tool has been updated to update the soils database including Essex County soils.
2. **Removed** From Section III D: Conservation System Guides. CSGs are no longer linked to the Customer Service Toolkit practice schedule module or to the Progress Reporting System.
3. **Updated** in Section IV-E (Tools): Vermont Manure Screening Tool – A minor edit was made to fix a problem with the Waste Stacking Calculator.
4. **Updated** in Section IV – Conservation Practices, the following practice standards:
 - a. 655 – Forest Trails and Landings
 - b. 460 – Land Clearing (National Standard)
 - c. 592 – Feed Management (National Standard)
 - d. 521A – Pond Sealing – Flexible Membrane Lining
 - e. 432 – Dry Hydrant (National Standard)
 - f. 516 – Livestock Pipeline (National Standard)
 - g. 606 – Subsurface Drainage (National Standard)
5. **Added** to Section IV – Conservation Practices, Practice Information Sheets for the following practices:
 - a. 328-Conservation Crop Rotation,
 - b. 329-Residue Management, No-Till/Strip Till/Direct,
 - c. 340-Cover Crop,
 - d. 345- Residue Management, Mulch-Till,
 - e. 362-Diversion,
 - f. 391-Riparian Forest Buffer,
 - g. 393-Filter Strip,
 - h. 410-Grade Stabilization Structure,

- i. 412-Grassed Waterway,
 - j. 468-Lined Waterway or Outlet,
 - k. 512-Forage and Biomass Planting,
 - l. 585-Stripcropping,
 - m. 620-Underground Outlet,
 - n. 633-Waste Recycling
6. **Added** to Section I, Reference Lists – 13 Technical Notes: Agronomy Technical – (Nutrient Management/Feed Management Tech Note #8. The new “Feed Management” Tech note #8 has recently been finalized and released.
 7. **Added** to Section IV, Conservation Practices: New Seasonal High Tunnel System Information Sheet.
 8. **Updated** in Section II, Threatened and Endangered Species, 5 ESA Compliance:
 - a. Contact List Federal Species 3-2-2012.pdf
 - b. NEPA TE Guidance VT 3-2-2012.pdf
 - c. Species by County Town VT 3-2-2012.pdf
 - d. VT CPA-52c 2-21-2012.pdf
 - e. VT Practice Effects TE 3-2-2012.pdf
 9. **Updated** in Section III, “Plan Templates for the following CAP’s:
 - a. 106 – Forest Manage Plan
 - b. 114 – Integrated Pest Management Plan
 - c. 124 – Landscape Agricultural Energy Management Plan
 - d. 134 – Transitions from Irrigation to Dry Land Plan
 - e. 138 – Conservation Plan to Support Organic Transition (Cropland and Grazing Templates)
 - f. 154 – Integrated Pest Management, Herbicide-Resistance Weed Plan
 10. **Added** to **Section II** , 13 – **Cultural Resource Fact Sheet**
 11. **Updated** in **Section III, Conservation Activity Plans:**
 - a. CAP104NutrientManagementPlanCriteriaAugust2012.pdf
 - b. CAP110GrazingManagementPlanAugust2012.pdf
 - c. CAP114ConservationPlanSupportingIntegratedPestManagementPlanAugust2012.pdf
 - d. CAP114TemplateConservationPlanSptlIntegratedPestManagementAugust2012.pdf
 - e. CAP_118_Irrigation_Water_Management_Plan_Criteria_August_2012.pdf
 - f. CAP122AgriculturalEnergyManagementPlanHeadquartersOctober2012.pdf

- g. CAP124LandscapeAgricultureEnergyManagementPlanAugust2012.pdf
- h. CAP124TemplateAgEnergy_Mgt_Plan_LandscapeAug2012.pdf
- i. CAP126ComprehensiveAirQualityManagementPlanAugust2012.pdf
- j. CAP130DrainageWaterManagementPlanCriteriaAugust2012.pdf
- k. CAP138ConservationPlanSptOrganicTranitionPlanCAPver5Aug 2012.pdf
- l. CAP138TemplateOrganicCroplandSept2012.pdf
- m. CAP138TemplateOrganicGrazingSept2013.pdf
- n. CAP142FishandWildlifeHabitatManagementPlanAugust2012.pdf
- o. CAP146PollinatorHabitatEnhancementPlanAugust2012.pdf

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