

INTRODUCTION

CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARDS

FOR WEST VIRGINIA

This section is an alphabetical list of conservation practices used by the field office, followed by Practice Standards and Interim Practice Standards. Standards may also include references and documentation requirements for the individual practices.

Practice standards are revised standards from the National Handbook of Conservation Practices. The Handbook is updated as needed by NRCS – National Headquarters. The State Conservationist determines which practices are adaptable and insures the standards are revised to reflect conditions in West Virginia.

Interim Practice Standards are developed at the State level to address resource problems that are local or are being evaluated for effectiveness.

Selected standards may also be identified by other Federal or State

Agencies as a Best Management Practice (BMP).

Practice standards establish the minimum level of acceptable quality for planning, designing, installing, operating and maintaining conservation practices.

Practice specifications are developed from the standard to describe the technical details and workmanship required to install the practice and the quality and extent of materials used in the practice.

Conservation Practices are listed in alphabetically by name. The index includes the unit of measurement, practice code number and date of the current standard. This information is to be used by holders of the FOTG to determine that their copy of Section IV is current and complete.