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**NATIONAL HANDBOOK OF CONSERVATION PRACTICES, NOTICE 123
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Purpose: This notice transmits new or revised conservation practice standards for insertion into the National Handbook of Conservation Practices (NHCP). In addition, notes are included for clarification.

Effective Date: This notice is effective when received.

Explanation:

Closure of Waste Impoundments (360): This is a new conservation practice standard. This standard gives guidance in the planning and design for the removal of waste storage impoundments.

Conservation Crop Rotation (328): This conservation practice standard was revised and released through NHCP Notice 122. A decision has been made to remove the irrigation-induced erosion purpose of this standard; therefore, this purpose and the supporting criteria have been removed from this standard. Also, the criteria for the erosion purposes was moved into the general criteria applicable to all purposes.

Conservation Cover (327): This revised conservation practice standard was changed to include criteria for each of the listed purposes. Additional considerations were added to be taken into account when planning and installing this practice. The format was updated.

Contour Farming (330): This is a complete revision of this conservation practice standard. This revision includes a new definition, an additional purpose, and criteria for each purpose. The format of this standard was updated.

Contour Stripcropping (585): This new standard replaces 'Stripcropping, Contour'.

Cover Crop (340): This new standard replaces the 'Cover and Green Manure Crop' standard; criteria for each of the purposes was added.

Grassed Waterway (412): The revision of the Grassed Waterway standard updates the design criteria for this practice. The technical guidance has been changed from SCS-TP-61 to Agricultural Handbook 667, Stability Design of Grass-lined Open Channels.

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Irrigation System, Microirrigation (441): This is a complete revision of the standard Irrigation System, Trickle, Code 441. The more pertinent revisions change the name to Irrigation System, Microirrigation and the application to ensure bubblers and spray or spinners are included.

Instructions:

Replace the “Contents” pages in NHCP with the attached revised version dated February 2000.

Insert the new or revised standards in the NHCP in alphabetical order as designated on the revised “Contents” pages.

Remove the practice standards for Conservation Crop Rotation 328 dated 9/99, Conservation Cover 327 dated 10/87, Contour Farming 330 dated 10/80, Cover and Green Manure Crop 340 dated 10/77, Grassed Waterway 412 dated 10/85, Irrigation System Trickle 441 dated 4/82, and Stripcropping Contour 585 dated 10/78.

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Copies of this notice and each of the conservation practice standards included with it can be accessed electronically. Access can be through either the NRCS Home Page on the World Wide Web (WWW) or from the FTP server in Fort Worth, Texas. Guidance for electronic access of standards is contained in NHCP Notice 116.

Federal Register Notices:

The National Conservation Practice Standards Subcommittee (NCPSS) published notice of intent to revise or adopt these standards in the Federal Register on September 13, 1999. Comments were accepted for 60 days. A number of individuals, groups and agencies requested copies of these proposed and revised standards, and several comments were received. All comments were reviewed and many were incorporated into the final version of several of these standards.

NHCP Notices 117 and 118 provide guidance to the states for complying with the provisions of the 1996 Farm Bill that requires advertising for public comment prior to revising NRCS State technical guides.



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Attachments