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NATIONAL HANDBOOK OF CONSERVATION PRACTICES
450 – VI
NOTICE 135

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. New or revised National Conservation Practice Standards (NCPS):

Silvopasture Establishment (381) – This is a new standard that establishes an agroforestry practice of combining trees or shrubs and compatible forages that will be grazed on the same acreage.

Salinity and Sodic Soil Management (610) – This standard replaces the existing practice 610, Toxic Salt Reduction and practice 571, Soil Salinity Management – Non-irrigated. This new practice deals with leaching salts from the root zone of irrigated crops, as well as managing land use, vegetation and cultural practices to reduce saline seeps.

Vertical Drain (630) – This practice standard was updated, and only minor changes were made.

Well Water Testing (355) – This is a new practice. It establishes criteria for the testing of water quality in new or existing wells.

Additional items included with this notice:

NHCP Exhibit 7 – Development Team Procedure (Revised)

With this notice, the State Interim Standards “Stream Crossing (728),” “Well Testing (731)” and “Silvopasture Establishment (791)” are being withdrawn. This information is now contained in the following NCPS, “Stream Crossing (578),” “Well Water Testing (355),” and “Silvopasture Establishment (381)” respectively.

With this notice, the text of footers in these and future NCPS will read as follows:

Conservation practice standards are reviewed periodically, and updated if needed. To obtain the current version of this standard contact your Natural Resources Conservation Service State Office , or download it from the electronic Field Office Technical Guide for your state.

Instructions. Replace the Contents pages i through vi dated November 2003 in the NHCP with the attached revised Contents pages.

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

Remove and archive, as appropriate, the practice standards for: 571 – Soil Salinity Management – Nonirrigated, dated 7/02; 610 – Toxic Salt Reduction, dated 5/88; and 630 – Vertical Drain, dated 10/77.

Remove Chapter 1, NHCP Exhibit 7, pages 1-9 dated November 2001 and replace with the revised Exhibit 7 included in this NHCP Notice.

Copies of this notice and the attachments are being sent to all State offices (or equivalent), Regional Offices, National Centers. Additional copies may be obtained by ordering NHCP-1AI from the GSA National Forms and Publications Center, 7CPN, Warehouse 4, Dock 1, 501 West Felix Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76115, using GSA Form 49.

This notice and each of the conservation practice standards included with this notice can be accessed electronically. Access can be through either the NRCS homepage on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/Standards/nhcp.html> or from the FTP server at <ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/NHQ/practice-standards/>

Federal Register Notices.

The National Conservation Practice Standards Subcommittee (NCPSS) published notice of intent to revise or adopt these standards in the *Federal Register*. Comments were accepted for 30 days. Guidance to the States for complying with the provisions of the 1996 Farm Bill that require advertising for public comment prior to revising NRCS State technical guides can be found in Title 450 – GM, Section 401.19.

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Attachments

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