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TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM: Ken Struemph, District Operations Section Soil and Water Conservation Program

SUBJECT: FY 2013 Cost-Share Handbook Updates

The Soil and Water Conservation Program has updated the Cost-Share Handbook. An electronic version of the update is available on the district intranet homepage.

The Cost-Share Handbook updates include the following enhancements:

- references to NRCS Standards and Specifications
- Landowner Authorization form with related policies and examples
- clarification of repayment information
- clarification to existing policies and CMT requirements
- new WQ10 Stream Protection practice policy
- eligibility determination for C650 Streambank Stabilization (as briefly explained below)
- clarification of the N312 Waste Management practices (as briefly explained below)

The C650 Streambank Stabilization policy was revised to state that eligibility of the practice and technical certification can be determined by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) or the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff. Districts need to work with MDC and NRCS staff locally to determine if a potential site is in an area where technical assistance can be provided. At this time, NRCS is able to offer technical assistance in federally funded partnerships projects. The Missouri Department of Conservation is able to offer technical assistance within their MDC Fisheries Division Priority Watersheds.

Revisions were made to the N312 Beef Waste Management, N312 Dairy Waste Management, N312 Poultry Waste Management, and N317 Composting Facility based on changes to components on the NRCS state cost list that pertain to these practices. The square footage of the



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roofing must equal the square footage of eligible floor space as specified in policy. In addition, a separate contract for a Composting Facility and a Poultry Waste Management System must be completed for each practice when a composter is built in combination with a stackhouse.

This handbook should be referenced for fiscal year 2013 contracts. It is highly recommended that the Cost-Share Handbook be read in its entirety to ensure knowledge of program policies.

An updated hard copy of the handbook will be available for pickup (one per district) at the 2011 Annual Districts Training Conference at the workshops of Cooperator Payments – Getting it Right! and MoSWIMS 101. If a representative of the district is not present at the conference, a copy will be mailed to the district following the conference.

If you have any questions, please contact your district coordinator.

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