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### MEMORANDUM

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DATE: March 7, 2014

TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM: <sup>KM</sup> Ken Struempf, Section Chief  
Soil and Water Conservation Program

SUBJECT: **FY 2015 Cost-Share Handbook Updates**

The Soil and Water Conservation Program has updated the Cost-Share Handbook. An electronic version of the updated handbook is available on the district intranet homepage at: <http://swcd.mo.gov/internal/manuals.htm>

The Cost-Share Handbook updates are effective July 1, 2014. The enhancements to the Cost-Share Handbook are summarized below:

Formatting and grammar edits were completed throughout the handbook.

#### **Contents:**

- The names of the forms referenced on pages VI-5 and VI-21 were updated.

#### **III. Cooperator Responsibilities:**

- III-1, A.1.b. clarifies appropriate use of the Landowner Authorization for State Cost-Share form for all contracts except N590 Nutrient Management and N595 Pest Management when the operator is not the legal landowner.
- III-2, A.2. clarifies appropriate use of the Operator Authorization form for N590 and N595 practices. If the operator is not the legal landowner, an Operator Authorization form must be completed in place of the Landowner Authorization for State Cost-Share form and scanned into MoSWIMS as a document type of Landowner/Operator Authorization prior to submission of the contract payment.

#### **IV. Cost-Share Forms**

- IV-2, D.1.b. was updated to reference the Landowner Authorization for State Cost-Share form.

#### **V. Eligible Practices**

- References to NRCS Standards and Specifications were updated for several practices.

- N332 Contour Buffer Strips
  - V-32, policy 2.a. was revised to clarify cost-share is authorized for establishment of permanent vegetative cover based on the Pasture Seeding component to be consistent with requirements in the NRCS Contour Buffer Strips (332) standard and specification.
- DSP 3.2 Grazing System Water Distribution
  - V-45, policy 2.b. was revised to clarify that streams may be fenced out with the DSP 3.3 in any paddock within the grazing system.
- DSP 3.3 Grazing System Fence
  - V-49, policy 2.b. was revised to clarify that streams may be fenced out with the DSP 3.3 in any paddock within the grazing system.
- N312 Beef Waste Management System
  - V-70, the applicability was revised to clarify that the practice applies on farms where wastes are generated by agricultural production.
- N312 Dairy Waste Management System
  - V-72, the applicability was revised to clarify that the practice applies on farms where wastes are generated by agricultural production.

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- N312 Poultry Waste Management System
  - V-74, the applicability was revised to clarify that the practice applies on farms where wastes are generated by agricultural production.
- N312 Swine Waste Management System
  - V-76, the applicability was revised to clarify that the practice applies on farms where wastes are generated by agricultural production.
- N590 Nutrient Management
  - V-83, policy 2 was updated to clarify appropriate use of the Operator Authorization form for N590 practices. If the operator is not the legal landowner, an Operator Authorization form must be completed in place of the Landowner Authorization for State Cost-Share form and scanned into MoSWIMS as a document type of Landowner/Operator Authorization prior to submission of the contract payment.
- N595 Pest Management
  - V-86, policy 2 was updated to clarify appropriate use of the Operator Authorization form for N595 practices. If the operator is not the legal landowner, an Operator Authorization form must be completed in place of the Landowner Authorization for State Cost-Share form and scanned into MoSWIMS as a document type of Landowner/Operator Authorization prior to submission of the contract payment.

- N351 Well Decommissioning
  - V-94, policy 1 was updated to refer to the Geological Survey Program and to reference the updated Well Plugging Registration Record.
  
- WQ10 Stream Protection
  - V-107, policy 2 was updated to clarify that the area to be excluded must have an adequate boundary fence or natural barrier(s) that contain livestock to the property prior to the installation of the exclusion fence.
  - V-109, policy 9.b.2. clarifies that if a dependable water source is available in an adjacent field, the cooperators are not eligible for a tank in that field.
  - V-110, policy 9.g.3. was updated to omit the reference to the DFR-5 Woodland Protection Through Livestock Exclusion practice.
  
- N655 Restoration of Skid Trails, Logging Roads, Stream Crossings, and Log Landings
  - V-120, clarifies the maximum state cost-share payments shall not exceed \$1,500 per gully and that cooperators are eligible to receive a lifetime maximum of \$6,000 for the practice.

#### **VI. Appendix**

- VI-1, updated page numbers throughout the Appendix and the names of forms referenced on VI-5 and VI-21.
- VI-5, updated Landowner Authorization for State Cost-Share form.
- VI-21, updated Well Plugging Registration record.

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

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