



MEMORANDUM
2024-009

DATE: October 12, 2023

TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM: Jim Plassmeyer, Director *JRP*
Soil and Water Conservation Program

SUBJECT: 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 home page at:

<https://mosoilandwater.land/internal/cost-share-handbook>.

There were minor edits completed throughout the Eligible Practices section to update the Maximum State Cost-Share portion of several practices that incorrectly referenced county average cost instead of state average cost. Specific practice policy updates are listed below.

The WQ-10 Stream Protection practice language was clarified. The term water supplies was removed and watering facilities was added to be more consistent throughout the handbook. Item 9.b.3. was added to provide clarity on the minimum set back distances for watering facilities.

The N340 Cover Crop policy was updated to reflect changes made at the March 29, 2023 Soil and Water Conservation District's Commission meeting allowing payments to be issued after-till planting of the production crop into the (terminated) cover crops or after May 1 if the production crop has not yet been planted. If payment is made using this option the N340 Payment Acknowledgement Form must be filled out and attached to the contract prior to contract payment submittal.

The DSP 3.6 Native Warm Season Forage practice policy that was approved at the August 16, 2023 Soil and Water Conservation District's Commission meeting was added to the handbook.



Finally, the DSP 3.2 Water Distribution and DSP 3.3 Grazing System Fence policies were updated to reflect recent changes that allow water to be brought to a paddock previously served by a pond when the pond will be fenced, these policy updates were made at the September 25, 2023 Soil and Water Conservation District's Commission meeting.

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