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OKLAHOMA BULLETIN NO. OK190-3-2

SUBJECT: ECS – Updated Nutrient Management Information for Grass Plantings

Purpose: To inform field offices of updated Oklahoma State University (OSU) guidance on nutrient management.

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This bulletin is to inform NRCS field office personnel of information distributed to OSU Extension offices. Many NRCS offices are receiving soil test interpretation results from OSU based on a “yield goal” instead of “grass establishment”. This has created scenarios in which producers have applied more fertilizer than required for grass establishment.

OSU Extension Service, in conjunction with NRCS, has updated the 1991 cost-share fertility guidance to provide more specific instructions in the handling of soil samples meant for grass establishment situations. This guidance follows the grass establishment fertility recommendations included in the NRCS Nutrient Management Standard (590). A copy of “Oklahoma NRCS Cost-Share Lime and Fertilizer Recommendations” is attached and should be reproduced as needed.

To further resolve these problems, communication among clients, extension personnel, and NRCS field office personnel will be very important. We strongly recommend that District Conservationists visit with their local OSU Extension Agent and discuss this issue and the importance of providing the correct soil test interpretations for grass establishment. We also need to convey this information to our clients who are going to be establishing grasses as part of the state and federal cost-share programs.

The grass establishment recommendations in the NRCS Nutrient Management Standard (590) must be followed. If “yield goal” recommendations are provided instead of “grass establishment”, field offices need to contact their extension agent as soon as possible and ask that the soil test be “re-issued” with the correct recommendations.

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Attachment

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