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CORE4 CONSERVATION PRACTICES:
THE COMMON SENSE APPROACH TO
NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION

The purpose of this reference material is to enhance the technical knowledge of the Natural Resources Conservation Service personnel and their colleagues in both the public and private sector and to assist them in helping landowners effectively use conservation tillage, nutrient management, pest management, and the conservation buffer practices. These key practices, referred to as the CORE4 by the Conservation Technology Information Center, will significantly reduce non-point sources of pollution from cropland when applied as a system. These few practices do not, however, eliminate consideration of other practices or systems designed to protect the natural resources related to cropland agriculture.

In Oregon the CORE 4, reference material can be used as an additional technical resource when providing assistance with Resource Management System planning on cropland. It is intended to be an aid for conservation planning and application and does not change or supplement Oregon NRCS conservation planning policy.

Assistance with training or using the CORE 4 material may be requested from the Technology Team Leader, Portland state office.

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