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Pacific Islands Area Technical Note Announcement PI-46

SUBJECT: Releases the new Agronomy Technical Note 9 – Photo Guide to Common Tillage Equipment in the PIA, and Soil Quality Technical Note 12 – Soil Health Assessment

Instructions.

Please refer to the following table for a description of the specific document released. The document has been posted to Pacific Islands Area Technical Notes site and is available for viewing and printing online at: http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/pia/technical/?cid=nrcs142p2_037391.

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The following is a description of the document being released:

Document	Description
Announcement PI-46	New Announcement PI-46.
PI Announcements Index	Revised Announcements Index.
Agronomy Technical Note 9 - Photo Guide to Common Tillage Equipment in the Pacific Islands Area	Agronomy Technical Note 9 - The purpose is to assist planners to properly identify the tillage tools being used. There are wide varieties within each implement category, but the equipment photos and their soil impact should help with the proper identification. This will allow for more accurate RUSLE-2 results.
Soil Quality Technical Note 12 – Soil Health Assessment	Soil Quality Technical Note 12 - The purpose of the Soil Health Assessment excel workbook is to provide conservation planners and producers a quick way to evaluate how land management is impacting soil health, and to serve as an educational tool. Planners or producers can within minutes complete the form and identify areas where soil quality is being positively and negatively impacted. This tool is designed to help planners and producers to start a conversation about soil health.



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