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SUBJECT: ECS – California Nitrogen Index 4.3.2 and 4.4

Purpose: To transmit the above named Technical Note

Effective Date: When received.

This tool is useful for comparing alternative management systems for Nitrogen (N) and evaluating the fate of the N within them. Use this tool to estimate the effect of a cover crop on leached and recovered N, changing the amount or form of fertilizer used, or other variables. The Nitrogen Index (NI) may be toggled between English and Spanish language versions. NI 4.4 uses English or Metric units.

NRCS staff should request to have the NI installed on their computer.

Filing Instructions:

This Technical Note and new Index will be filed electronically in the California eFOTG under the hierarchy: Section I, Technical Notes, Agronomy.

<http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx>

Field Offices may also optionally file hard copies in three-ring binder with other Agronomy Technical Notes. If a hard copy is maintained, update the Index with new entries.

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