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FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE (FOTG)

450 - IV

NORTH CAROLINA NOTICE 13-02

Purpose. This notice transmits information regarding updates to the North Carolina electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG). In addition, notes are included to highlight key changes made to conservation practice standards.

Effective Date. This notice is effective when received.

Filing Instructions. Only FOTG Sections I and IV are required to be maintained in hardcopy format at field offices (NC supplement G.M. 120, Part 403). Any FOTG sections that are printed and maintained for office use must be kept up-to-date with the latest releases, versions, and supplements. Obtain any needed FOTG documents for printing from NRCS eFOTG website: http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map.

Important: Toolkit users must “Reload Domain Data” at this time insure the Toolkit user has updated practices and narratives from Conservation Practice Standards. Complete the Reload Domain Data by clicking on the command located under “File” on the main toolbar in Customer Service Toolkit, on each computer running Toolkit.

Notice of Changes:

SECTION I - General References

In the Cost Data folder under Practice Payment Schedules > 2013 Payment Schedules, the following have been added.

Fiscal Year 2013 Practice Payment Schedules: New payment schedules for FY 2013 were uploaded for all practices and scenarios offered in North Carolina.

SECTION III – Conservation Management Systems

In the Conservation Activity Plans (CAP) Technical Criteria folder, the following updated CAPs and related materials have been added.

- CAP 102 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) August 2012**
- CAP 104 - Nutrient Management Plan Criteria August 2012**
- CAP 106 - Forest Management Plan Criteria - September 2012**
- CAP 106 - Guide for Foresters for the Joint Management Plan Template_02.21.2011**
- CAP 106 - Guide for Landowners for the Joint Management Plan Template - 02.21.2011**
- CAP 106 - Managing Your Woodlands Natl ATFS FS NRCS Mgt Plan Template**
- CAP 110 - Grazing Management Plan Criteria - August 2012**
- CAP 114 - Conservatioin Plan Supporting IPM - August 2012**
- CAP 114 - TEMPLATE - IPM Plan - August 2012**
- CAP 118 - Irrigation Water Management Plan Criteria - August 2012**
- CAP 122 - Agricultural Energy Management Plan - Headquarters Criteria October 2012**

CAP 122 - CHECKLIST - Agriculture Energy Management Plan, Headquarters
CAP 124 - Agricultural Energy Management Plan - Landscape August 2012
CAP 124 - TEMPLATE - Agricultural Energy Mgmt Landscape August 2012
CAP 130 - Drainage Water Management Plan Criteria
CAP 138 - Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition Criteria August 2012
CAP 138 - TEMPLATE - Transition to Organic Cropland Sept 2012
CAP 138 - TEMPLATE - Transition to Organic Grazing Sept 2012
CAP 142 - Fish and Wildlife Habitat Management Plan Criteria August 2012
CAP 146 - Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Plan Criteria - August 2012
CAP 150 - Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Criteria - August 2012
CAP 154 - IPM Herbicide Resistant Weed Conservation Criteria - August 2012
CAP 154 - TEMPLATE - IPM Herbicide Resistant Weed - August 2012

In the Resource Quality Criteria for RMS folder, the following documents were added per National Bulletin 450-13-2:

CDSI Adopted Resource Concerns - 12-2010
Linkage Between the Old Resource Concerns and New Resource Concerns 11-2011
National and State Resource Concerns and Planning Criteria 10-2012

The following documents were removed from Section III: NC Quality Criteria Matrix, all prior-year CAPs documents.

SECTION IV – Practice Standards

Revised Conservation Practice Index: Remove existing Conservation Practice Index and Replace with the following revised index.

NC Conservation Practice Index (*January 2013*)

Revised Conservation Practice Standards: Remove existing North Carolina practice standards and replace with the following revised practice standards.

Forest Trails and Landings (655) (*January 2013*) – Minor changes to conform to the new national standard and to include some suggestions by North Carolina Forest Service.

Mulching (484) (*January 2013*) - Minor revision made to the December 2011 North Carolina Mulching standard that removes the standard purpose and associated criteria for reducing atmospheric impacts of soil fumigant use by applying the mulching practice.

Prescribed Burning (338) (*January 2013*) - Minor changes to conform to new national standard.

The following standards have major revisions and will be released in the coming weeks.

Nutrient Management (590) – Major revision to the NC standard will be released with a forthcoming NC bulletin to explain changes.

Waste Recycling (633) – The title changed from “Waste Utilization” to “Waste Recycling”. Major revision to the NC standard will be released with a forthcoming NC bulletin to explain changes.

Revised Specifications: Remove the existing practice standard specifications and replace with the following revised specifications.

Cover Crop (340) *(January 2013)*

Revised Job Sheets: The following existing job sheets have been revised to align with the current associated conservation practice standards.

Cover Crop (340) *(January 2013)*

Forest Trails and Landings (655) *(January 2013)*

Prescribed Burning (338) *(January 2013)*

Prescribed Burning (338) Information Guide job sheet supplement

Prescribed Grazing (528) Checklist job sheet supplement *(January 2013)*

New Job Sheets: The following new job sheets have been added.

Farmstead Energy Improvement (374) *(January 2013)*



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