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**FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE (FOTG)
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NORTH CAROLINA NOTICE 13-03**

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 IV – Practice Standards

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

NC Conservation Practice Index (March 2013)

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Critical Area Planting (342) (March 2013) – Minor revision. Table 1 ‘Perennial Grass & Legume Seed Specifications for Critical Areas’ was revised to correct regional adaptation and recommended planting date errors.

Prescribed Grazing (528) (March 2013) – Minor revision. Updated to include option to use other NRCS-approved tools or methods to calculate and document the estimated forage-animal balance.

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