



**North Carolina Field Office Technical Guide  
FOTG-450  
Notice 15-02**

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**Purpose.** This notice transmits the latest updates to the North Carolina Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG). Instruction and changes to the FOTG are described below.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Any printed copy of the FOTG maintained in an NRCS office is required to be kept up-to-date with the latest materials used to provide technical assistance.

Obtain documents for printing from the Electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG) website by opening that website, clicking North Carolina on the map, clicking the local county, and then navigating through menus on the left-hand side of the page.

**SECTION IV – Practice Standards and Specifications**

The attached revision to the *Conservation Practice Index* corrects typographical errors and omissions in the last version that was transmitted with Technical Guide Notice 15-01. The corrections contained in the new Index are indicated by use of strike-through and underlined text. The *Conservation Practice Index* is filed at the front of Section IV.

No other changes to the FOTG occur as a result of this Notice.

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Attachment: Conservation Practice Index

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## Conservation Practice Index

File conservation practices in Section IV according to this index.

Area Office technical guides should contain all standards and specifications. If Asst. State Conservationists for Field Operations and District Conservationists agree that a practice is not applicable to a field office, retention of that standard and specification is optional. Such practices will be lined through on the field office index and marked N/A.

Practice Name (Unit)	Code	Date of Standard	Lifespan (years)
Access Control (ac)	472	10/11	10
Access Road (ft)	560	02/15	10
Agrichemical Handling Facility (no)	309	06/15	15
Alley Cropping (ac)	311	12/11	15
Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste (au)	591	10/13	1
Anaerobic Digester (no)	366	05/10	25
Animal Mortality Facility (no)	316	04/12	15
Aquaculture Pond (ac)	397	04/12	10
Animal Trails and Walkways (ft)	575	04/14	15
Aquatic Organism Passage (mi)	396	04/12	5
Bedding (ac)	310	04/11	3
Brush Management (ac)	314	09/10	10
Building Envelope Improvement (no)	672	08/13	10
Channel Bed Stabilization (ft)	584	10/11	10
Clearing and Snagging (ft)	326	04/11	5
Composting Facility (no)	317	11/14	15
Conservation Cover (ac)	327	02/15	5
Conservation Crop Rotation (ac)	328	02/15	1
Constructed Wetland (ac)	656	04/11	15
Contour Buffer Strips (ac)	332	02/15	5
Contour Farming (ac)	330	01/14	5
Contour Orchard and Other Perennial Crops (ac)	331	10/11	10
Cover Crop (ac)	340	02/15	1
Critical Area Planting (ac)	342	04/14	10
Cross Wind Trap Strips (ac)	589C	02/15	5
Dam (no)	402	10/11	15
Dam, Diversion (no)	348	10/11	15
Deep Tillage (ac)	324	01/14	1
Dike (ft)	356	12/06	20
Diversion (ft)	362	04/11	10
Drainage Water Management (ac)	554	05/09	1



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Dry Hydrant (no)	432	04/12	15
Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (ac)	647	10/11	1
Farmstead Energy Improvement (no)	374	03/14	10
Fence (ft)	382	04/12	20
Field Border (ac)	386	04/14	10
Filter Strip (ft)	393	04/14	10
Firebreak (ft)	394	12/11	5
Fish Raceway or Tank (ft)	398	05/10	10
Fishpond Management (no)	399	10/12	1
Forage and Biomass Planting (ac)	512	07/12	5
Forage Harvest Management (ac)	511	10/11	1
Forest Stand Improvement (ac)	666	12/11	10
Forest Trails and Landings (ac) (ft)	655	01/13	5
Fuel Break (ac)	383	05/13	10
Grade Stabilization Structure (no)	410	03/15	15
Grassed Waterway (ac)	412	02/15	10
Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (ac)	548	10/11	1
Goundwater Testing (no)	355	03/15	1
Heavy Use Area Protection (ac)	561	04/11	10
Hedgerow Planting (ft)	422	10/11	15
Herbaceous Weed Control (ac)	315	09/10	5
Herbaceous Wind Barriers (ft)	603	10/11	5
High Tunnel System (sq ft)	325	07/15	4
Hillside Ditch (ft)	423	02/09	10
Integrated Pest Management (ac)	595	07/11	1
Irrigation Canal or Lateral (ft)	320	10/11	15
Irrigation Ditch Lining (ft)	428	10/11	20
Irrigation Field Ditch (ft)	388	10/11	15
Irrigation Land Leveling (ac)	464	10/11	15
Irrigation Pipeline (ft)	430	10/11	20
Irrigation Reservoir (ac) (ac-ft)	436	10/11	15
Irrigation System, Microirrigation (ac)	441	10/11	15
Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface (ac)	443	10/11	15
Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery (no)	447	03/15	15
Irrigation Water Management (ac)	449	03/15	1
Land Clearing (ac)	460	04/12	10



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Land Reclamation, Landslide Treatment (no)	453	08/05	15
Land Smoothing (ac)	466	04/14	10
Lighting System Improvement (no)	670	08/13	10
Lined Waterway or Outlet (ft)	468	10/11	15
Livestock Pipeline (ft)	516	04/12	20
Livestock Shelter Structure (no)	576	06/14	10
Mole Drain (ft)	482	11/05	3
Mulching (ac)	484	01/13	1
Nutrient Management (ac)	590	12/14	1
Obstruction Removal (ac)	500	04/11	10
On Farm Secondary Containment Facility (no)	319	01/15	15
Open Channel (ft)	582	01/89	15
Pond (no)	378	04/12	20
Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant (no)	521C	10/11	15
Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (no)	521D	10/11	15
Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane (no)	521A	04/12	20
Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant (no)	521B	10/11	20
Precision Land Forming (ac)	462	03/15	10
Prescribed Burning (ac)	338	01/13	1
Prescribed Grazing (ac)	528	03/13	1
Pumping Plant (no)	533	10/11	15
Recreation Area Improvement (ac)	562	01/89	15
Recreation Land Grading and Shaping (ac)	566	10/13	15
Residue and Tillage Management, No Till (ac)	329	01/14	1
Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till (ac)	345	01/14	1
Restoration and Management of Rare or Declining Habitats (ac)	643	10/11	5
Riparian Forest Buffer (ac)	391	10/11	15
Riparian Herbaceous Cover (ac)	390	10/11	5
Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment (ft)	654	01/10	10
Rock Barrier (ft)	555	10/11	10
Roof Runoff Structure (no)	558	03/15	15
Roofs and Covers (no)	367	04/12	10
Row Arrangement (ac)	557	10/13	5
Sediment Basin (no)	350	04/11	20
Shallow Water Development and Management (ac)	646	10/11	5
Silvopasture Establishment (ac)	381	12/11	15
Spoil Spreading (ac)	572	04/11	1



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Spring Development (no)	574	07/14	20
Sprinkler System (ac)	442	07/14	15
Stormwater Runoff Control (no and ac)	570	04/12	15
Stream Crossing (no)	578	04/12	10
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (ac)	395	10/11	5
Streambank and Shoreline Protection (ft)	580	10/11	20
Stripcropping (ac)	585	01/14	5
Structure for Water Control (no)	587	04/11	20
Subsurface Drain (ft)	606	04/12	20
Surface Drainage, Field Ditch (ft)	607	05/10	15
Surface Drainage, Main or Lateral (ft)	608	05/10	15
Terrace (ft)	600	03/15	10
Trails and Walkways (ft)	575	08/15	10
Tree/Shrub Establishment (ac)	612	12/11	15
Tree/Shrub Pruning (ac)	660	12/06	10
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (ac)	490	12/06	1
Underground Outlet (ft)	620	04/14	20
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (ac)	645	10/11	1
Vegetative Barrier (ft)	601	10/11	5
Waste Facility Closure (no)	360	04/12	15
Waste Separation Facility (no)	632	10/13	15
Waste Storage Facility (no)	313	02/09	15
Waste Transfer (no)	634	04/15	15
Waste Treatment (no)	629	10/13	10
Waste Treatment Lagoon (no)	359	02/09	15
Water and Sediment Control Basin (no)	638	02/09	10
Water Well (no)	642	05/15	20
Water Well Decommissioning (no)	351	05/15	20
Watering Facility (no)	614	04/12	20
Well Decommissioning (no)	351	05/15	20
Wetland Creation (ac)	658	10/11	15
Wetland Enhancement (ac)	659	10/11	15
Wetland Restoration (ac)	657	10/11	15
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (ac)	644	10/11	1
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (ft)	380	12/11	15
Woody Residue Treatment (ac)	384	12/11	10