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The first two numbers on the technical guide notice represent the fiscal year (2008). The last two numbers represent the notice number for the year.

Please take the following action in the Technical Guide:

Section I

File in Section I behind Maps tab. Discard old version.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maps Index
Print the following NC Common Resource Areas, located under the Map folder, under the NC Common Resource Areas in the eFOTG.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NC Common Resource Areas, February 2004
Print the following Major Land Resource Areas Map of NC & MLRA in NC and adjacent states, located under the Map folder, under the NC Major Land Resources Folder in the eFOTG. Discard old Major Land Resource Areas, April 2002 and July 1980 Map from FOTG. File in Section I behind the Maps tab.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Major Land Resource Areas Map of NC & MLRA in NC and adjacent states
Print the following NC Utility Map Information, located under the Map folder, under the NC Utility Map Folder in the eFOTG. Discard old utility maps if outdated or obsolete. File in Section I behind the Maps tab.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NC Utility Map Information
File in Section I behind the Reference List tab behind the NC Technical References tab. Discard old version.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pasture/Hayland Technical References
Print the updated contents page, located under the Reference List folder, under NC Technical Notes folder in the eFOTG. Discard old version. File in Section I behind the Reference List tab.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NC Technical Notes contents
File in Technical Notes Three-Ring Binder under Conservation Planning header
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NC Conservation Planning Guidelines for Outdoor Swine Operations Technical Note ▪ NC Conservation Planning Guidelines for Outdoor Swine Operations Technical Note Summary ▪ Conservation Guide for Grazing Land Technical Note (Replaced Draft Steep Mountain Pasture Tech Note)
Remove and discard the following from FOTG Section I behind Maps tab.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Biologic and Water Quality Ratings Map for River Basins in County ▪ Ground Water Quality Maps-NC-National Water Summary 1986 ▪ Natural, Scenic, and Historic Areas and Major Tourist Routes ▪ Major Soil Regions of North Carolina, June 1989 ▪ NC Average Farm Unit Size Acres, 1982 Census of Agriculture ▪ General Soil Map of North Carolina, April 1974



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Section II

File in Section II behind the cultural resources information tab. Discard old version, if applicable.

- Group 1, 2, and 3 Undertakings Lists (rev. February 2008)
- Field Office Procedures-Cultural Resources Information for Field Offices
- Cultural Resources Optional Documentation Form

File in Section II behind the Threatened and Endangered Species tab. Discard old version.

- NC Threatened and Endangered Species List

Section IV

Print the following from eFOTG; file at the front of Section IV. Discard old version.

- Conservation Practice Index - Standards and Specifications (rev. February 2008)

Print the following updated standards from eFOTG and file alphabetically. Discard old version (including all supplements, if applicable).

- Access Road (560)
- Animal Trails and Walkways (575)
- Closure of Waste Impoundments (360)
- Drainage Water Management (554)
- Firebreak (394) *Format Changes only, still dated 12/06*
- Pest Management (595) *Grammatical Changes only, still dated 12/06*
- Prescribed Grazing (528)
- Sediment Basin (350)
- Structure for Water Control (587)
- Watering Facility (614)

Print the following new standard from eFOTG and file alphabetically.

- Contour Buffer Strips (332)
- Drainage Water Management (554) *Replaces practice standards 554, 335, and 641*

Print the following updated specifications and/or notekeeping from eFOTG and file with the appropriate standard. Discard old version.

- Access Road - *Specifications and Notekeeping*
- Animal Trails and Walkway - *Specifications and Notekeeping*
- Fence – *Materials and Construction Specifications (Table 7 & Format Changes only)*
- Sediment Basin - *Temporary-Specifications and Notekeeping*
- Structure for Water Control- *Flashboard Riser-Specifications and Notekeeping*
- Watering Facility - *Specifications and Notekeeping*

Discard the following standards and supplements:

- Controlled Drainage (335)
- Regulating Water in Drainage Systems (554)
- Water Table Control (641)

Discard the following NC supplements:

- Spring Development (574) *dated 4/91*
- Subsurface Drain (606) *dated 4/91*



Section IV

Note the following new or edited Job Sheet additions to Section IV in eFOTG.

- Fence (382) *New*
- Field Border (386) *Grammatical Changes only*
- Firebreak (394) *Grammatical Changes only*
- Grassed Waterway (412) *Grammatical Changes only*

Note the following removed Job Sheets to Section IV in eFOTG.

- Field Border (386) Supplement Job Sheet
- Filter Strip (393) Supplement Job Sheet
- Grassed Waterway (412) Supplement Job Sheet
- Riparian Forest Buffer (391) Supplement Job Sheet

Note the following 2008 EQIP Practice Guidelines to Section IV in eFOTG.

- Mulching (484)
 - Row Cover Mulching for Strawberry Cropping System Job Sheet Addendum
- Pest Management (595)
 - 2008 EQIP Planning Guidance for Specialty Crops
 - IPM Cover Crop and Chemigation Job Sheet Addendum
 - IPM Reduced Risk Alternative Fumigants to Methyl Bromide Job Sheet Addendum
 - IPM Reduced Risk Pesticide Usage Sweet Potatoes Job Sheet Addendum
 - Precision Agriculture Incentive Job Sheet Addendum
 - VIF Tarping Job Sheet Addendum
- Prescribed Grazing (528)
 - EQIP Feeding Incentive Guidelines Job Sheet Addendum
- Nutrient Management (590)
 - Precision Agriculture Incentive Job Sheet Addendum

Note:

Please “Reload Domain Data”, which is located under “File” on the main toolbar in Customer Service Toolkit, on all computers. Reloading Domain data will insure the Toolkit user has updated practices and narratives from Conservation Practice Standards.

A “Job Sheets” link is available for all the current job sheets on the internet at <http://www.nc.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/TechRef/index.html>

Per North Carolina supplement to the General Manual 120, Part 403 only FOTG Sections I and IV are required to be maintained in hardcopy format. If additional directives are printed and maintained for office use, these files must be updated with the latest releases, versions, and supplements.

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