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Technical Guide Notice Number 08-02

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 the Reference List tab behind the NC Technical References tab. Discard old version.

- Agronomy Technical References
- Forestry Technical References
- Water Quality 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.

- NC Technical Notes contents

Section II

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. Even so, the county specific Highly Erodible Land (HEL) lists should not be discarded from Section II. These lists have not yet been placed in the FOTG online in Section II. Please maintain these lists in hardcopy in Section I under Erosion Prediction/Water Erosion/USLE until they have been posted. If these lists have already been discarded please contact your Area Soil Scientist for a copy.

Section III

File the following in the Resource Management Systems section behind the appropriate crop tab. Discard old version.

- Crop - RMS: Cropland - Planning Resource Management Systems

Section IV

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

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

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

- Contour Farming (330)
- Pest Management (595)
Please note the addition of information in the 'Considerations' section of the standard that acknowledges the role of our 595 standard in organic agriculture and describes factors that should be considered when developing a weed management control strategy in organic cropping systems.
- Waste Treatment Lagoon (359)
Code 359, Waste Treatment Lagoon has been reformatted to meet the current national template using the criteria and information from the current NC standard, dated Jan. 1998, Rev. 4 and Sept. 2006, Rev. 5, in addition to editing items 8 - 10 to the O&M section.

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

- Waste Treatment Lagoon - Notekeeping



Section IV continued

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

- Brush Management (314) *New*
- Conservation Cover (327) *New*
- Critical Area Planting (342) *New*
- Early Successional Habitat Development Management (647) *New*
- Mulching (484) *New*
- Pest Management (595) *Updated*
There is now a table in the job sheet where weed control strategies in organic cropping systems may be listed. This is being done because one requirement of the new 2009 EQIP organic incentive is that the producer must develop a weed control strategy as part of the required Pest Management Plan.
- Prescribed Burning (338) *Now fillable*
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645) *Now Fillable*

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>

Conservation Planning Aids have been established to assist in field data collection and instructional use for USLE, RUSLE 1.04, RUSLE 2, and WIN PST. A “Conservation Planning Aids” link is available on the internet at <http://www.nc.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/TechRef/index.html>

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lane Price".

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