

Field Border

Definition/Purpose

A Field Border means a strip of perennial vegetation established at the edge of the field that provides a stabilized outlet for row water to improve water quality. Benefits may include reduced soil erosion, sedimentation and pollution from dissolved and sediment-attached substances. (DIP)

Policies

1. Wildlife plantings are acceptable cover for field borders.
2. All NRCS standards and NC Agriculture Cost Share Program policies relative to vegetation must be followed.
3. BMP soil, nitrogen, and phosphorus impacts are required on the contract. Include the planted acreage and drainage area as well. Refer to the Minimum NCACSP Effects Requirements table later in this section for the correct methods of calculation.
4. Minimum life of BMP is ten (10) years.

Standards

N. C. NRCS Technical Guide, Section IV, Standard #386 (Field Border).