

**NORTH CAROLINA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA
BUSINESS SESSION AGENDA
TELECONFERENCE
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TELECONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION

NCDA&CS Old Health Building
Conference Room 316
216 W. Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27603
October 12, 2018
8:00 a.m.

Teleconference # 919-733-2511

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The State Government Ethics Act mandates that at the beginning of any meeting the Chair reminds all the members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and inquire as to whether any member knows of any conflict of interest or potential conflict with respect to matters to come before the Commission. If any member knows of a conflict of interest or potential conflict, please state so at this time.

II. PRELIMINARY – Business Meeting

Welcome Chairman John Langdon

III. BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Chairman John Langdon

1. Supervisor Appointments Mr. Eric Pare

2. Supervisor Contracts Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth

3. Technical Specialist Designation Mr. Jeff Young

4. Hurricane Florence Report Mr. Vernon Cox

5. Consideration of Draft Cost Share Program Response to Hurricane Florence Damage Mr. Vernon Cox

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

V. ADJOURNMENT



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Commission Members	Guests	Guests
John Langdon	Vernon Cox	Eric Pare
Wayne Collier	David Williams	Tara Hughes
Chris Hogan	Julie Henshaw	Tom Ellis
Dietrich Kilpatrick	Kelly Hedgepeth	Kristina Fischer
Derek Potter	Helen Wiklund	Charles Hughes
Myles Payne	Michael Shepherd	Bryan Evans
Mike Willis	Davis Ferguson	Tim Beard
Commission Counsel	Jeff Young	
Phillip Reynolds	Bill Yarborough	

Chairman John Langdon called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Chairman Langdon inquired whether any Commission members need to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest, that may exist for agenda items under consideration, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. Chairman Langdon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Agenda: Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Collier moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Willis seconded. Motion carried.

1. Supervisor Appointments: Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. Eric Pare to present.

- William C. Morrow, Haywood SWCD, filling the unexpired appointed term of Carlyle Ferguson, who passed away for 2014-2018

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner Willis moved to appoint William Morrow as supervisor and Commissioner Payne seconded. Motion carried.

- Tara Hughes, Lenoir SWCD, filling the unexpired appointed term of Becky Hines, who resigned for 2016-2020

Commissioner Potter noted that the resignation letter of Ms. Becky Hines is dated September 11, 2018, and the Board met on September 12, 2018. Commissioner Potter expressed concern that with only one recommendation submitted, who is a family member of an existing board member, the public's perception of this recommendation is concerning and should be vetted out. Chairman Langdon stated the districts have autonomy and must be operating ethically and legally. Mr. Reynolds stated the district recommends an appointment, but the Commission does not have to accept the recommendation. The Commission can appoint whomever they want as long as the person lives in the district. Mr. Charles Hughes, chairman of Lenoir Soil and Water Conservation District, stated four board members were present at the meeting (three in person and one on the telephone) and voted unanimously for this appointment. Ms. Hines' resignation was accepted at the close of the Board Meeting. The meeting was held on its regularly scheduled day and the appointment of supervisors was on the agenda. Mr. Reynolds reiterated, "the Commission makes the appointment and the district only makes the recommendation." Mr. Hughes stated there is no conflict of interest. Ms. Hughes has been to the Resource Conservation Workshop (RCW), has served as a counselor for the RCW for 5-6 years, and recruits future candidates to the RCW. Ms. Hughes is on the Fall agenda to present on the RCW and to help educate and recruit candidates; all this was done prior to Ms. Hines' resignation and the board's recommendation for appointment. Mr. Hughes stated only one board member objected to the recommendation and the board member did not attend the meeting. Mr. Hughes stated there was no procedural misconduct.

Mr. Reynolds stated a motion in favor or in opposition of the appointment is necessary, and given the discussion, a roll-call vote is recommended. Mr. Hughes stated he is not seeking re-election and his term expires on December 1, 2018.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner Wayne Collier moved to appoint Tara Hughes to supervisor and Commissioner Kilpatrick seconded.

Chairman Langdon asked Mr. Reynolds to proceed with a roll-call vote. Mr. Reynolds called upon each Commissioner individually. Commissioner Willis – yes; Commissioner Payne – yes; Commissioner Kilpatrick – yes; Commissioner Potter – no; Commissioner Hogan – yes; Commissioner Collier – yes; Chairman Langdon – abstain. Motion carried.

- 2. Supervisor Contracts:** Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth to present six contracts totaling \$27,231.

County	Contract Number	Supervisor Name	BMP	Contract Amount	Comments
Caswell	17-2019-005	Dennis Simmons	5 year sod-based rotation	\$2,013	
Hertford	08-2019-001	David Simons	abandoned well closure	\$1,500	Contract is in Bertie County
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Person	73-2018-009	Hunter R. Thomas	grassed waterway, field borders, diversion	\$9,711	
Warren	92-2019-010	Herman Collier	5 year sod-based rotation	\$1,909	

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner Hogan moved to approve the six supervisor contracts. Commissioner Collier seconded. Motion carried.

3. Technical Specialist Designation: Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. Jeff Young to present.

- Mr. Bryan Colvard, Wilkes SWCD, for Waste Utilization Planning/Nutrient Management (WUP/NM)

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner Willis moved to approve Bryan Colvard's technical specialist designation and Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

4. Hurricane Florence Report: Chairman Langdon recognized Director Vernon Cox to present.

Director Cox presented an update on the impact of Hurricane Florence to the agricultural operations in eastern North Carolina. There have been significant impacts to crops and livestock operations after Hurricane Florence with an estimate of \$1.2B in damages. The Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services is still assessing damages.

- Estimated poultry mortality is 4.2 million birds
- Estimated swine mortality at 5,500 animals

On October 8, 2018, the Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services presented an initial request to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources to ask for assistance in eastern North Carolina to help with recovery efforts. A request was made by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for \$250M for the NC Farmer Recovery Reinvestment Program to help cover underinsured and uninsured losses. With many operations having suffered damages for two of the last three years, there is concern the farmers may not be in operation next Spring. The Commissioner of Agriculture asked the lawmakers to step up, so the farmers can stay in business. The request was favorably received by the lawmakers.

The Department is working with FEMA and with livestock and poultry operations to assist with mortality management. FEMA has indicated that it will provide assistance with composting and funding resources and the Department will coordinate the mortality management activities at the State level.

The Department submitted the following requests for disaster response funding to be administered by the Division of Soil and Water Conservation:

- \$3M for pasture renovation and lagoon management assistance.
- \$10M as non-federal match for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP)

- \$5M for Agricultural Pond Repair
- \$7.5M for supplemental funds to match the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) payments from the Farm Service Agency (FSA)
 - ECP reimburses the farmer for 75% of the cost of the repair. The supplemental funds will be used to reimburse 75% of the farmer's share not reimbursed by FSA.
- \$2M for Best Management Practices (BMP) repairs or renovations not covered by ECP.
- \$1M for Non-Field Farm Road Repairs

Chairman Langdon stated we need to provide extraordinary leadership on every level (Federal, State, and County) with response to Hurricane Florence. Chairman Langdon recommends the NC Soil and Water Conservation Commission draft a letter to Mr. Tim Beard at NRCS to use the Federal programs in every method possible to correct these catastrophic damages in our state. Director Cox stated a letter will be drafted on behalf of the Commission.

Director Cox stated the Division is in close discussions with NRCS with regards to EWP, and there will be a conference call with districts to ensure that Districts have a timely strategy for applying for EWP assistance.

Chairman Langdon asked each Commissioner for their consent to draft a letter to Mr. Tim Beard. All the Commissioners expressed their support for drafting a letter to Mr. Beard. Commissioner Kilpatrick stated the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts had also sent a letter to NRCS asking for assistance.

5. Consideration of Draft Cost Share Program Response to Hurricane Florence Damage:

Chairman Langdon recognized Director Vernon Cox to present.

Director Cox had asked staff to recommend any items the Commission should consider to provide relief and assistance in eastern North Carolina. The staff proposed the following policy waivers in Hurricane Florence impacted counties:

- Policy waiver #1 is to allow carbon sources needed for composting to be stored in dry stacks, feed/waste storage structures, and composters under active maintenance.
- Policy waiver #2 is to permit the storage of the compost material from mortality management activities in the same facilities.
- Policy waiver #3 is to allow grazing or harvesting of crops on acres affected by ACSP contracts for conservation cover, cover crop, crop residue management, and nutrient scavenger crops to supplement lost forage

These waiver recommendations will remain in effect through the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2019). Lastly, a recommendation was submitted to grant the Division director approval authority for any additional waivers under the Commission's adopted policies that would provide additional assistance to this disaster. Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner Potter moved to approve the emergency policy waivers and Commissioner Willis seconded. Motion carried.

Director Cox stated the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission is November 13 and 14. There may need to be another meeting beforehand, as policies or practices may need to be adopted related to additional disaster response activities.

Commissioner Potter stated that monies need to be available for repairs to BMPs that have experienced extensive damage. Commissioner Potter also stated there may need to be some forgiveness on requirements for BMPs damaged by Hurricane Florence.

Director Cox stated that the Division has asked for funding to address BMP repairs and renovations. Also, the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) can also be used to repair conservation practices. One challenge is that the Division is receiving reports that some counties are not choosing to participate in ECP. Each county FSA committee must vote to provide ECP assistance. The Division is receiving mixed messages from FSA. Lenoir and Cumberland Counties have opted out, and Sampson County has not made a decision. Farmers in counties that opt out of ECP will not be eligible to participate in the program, but the state does have some money available to help fill in the gaps. There has been some misinformation stating that a county can only participate in ECP two times in ten years, which is not accurate according to the FSA state office. The policy is that an individual field is only eligible for ECP funding for the same type of disaster two times in ten years. Even in this situation, there is a process for requesting a waiver of the policy.

Commissioner Collier stated that Cumberland County opted out of ECP because it had been determined that there was not enough damage in Cumberland to enact ECP. Chairman Langdon stated each Commissioner should reach out to their areas and encourage each district to write a letter to Mr. Tim Beard at NRCS and their State and Federal senators to request disaster assistance.

Mr. Bryan Evans stated a draft letter has been provided to the districts to request funding for ECP, EWP and EQIP to assist with disaster recovery. Commissioner Collier agreed it is a good idea to provide a draft letter to the districts and district chairs. Commissioner Potter urged Director Cox and Mr. Williams to help disseminate the correct information to districts.

Public Comments: Mr. Beard stated NRCS in North Carolina has been working with their national leadership to make sure NRCS meets the needs of the people that have been impacted the most after the hurricane. Some policies may restrict NRCS from certain things, yet NRCS can get relief from those waivers with regards to EQIP. If there are practices that have not been addressed or included in the payment schedule, provide that information to Mr. Beard and he can ask for waivers to be included in the programs. Mr. Beard is submitting a letter today to request that additional hurricane impacted counties be designated as limited resource counties. There is only one county that is currently considered a limited-resource area. The letter will go to the national office to get a waiver for the other counties that were impacted so that they will be designated as limited-resource areas also. A limited-resource county qualifies for 90% cost share vs. the normal 75% cost share for EWP.

Mr. Williams asked if the Farm Bill has expired or if NRCS is operating under an expired Farm Bill. Mr. Beard stated there are certain programs like EQIP that are authorized through 2019. NRCS has received limited funding for EQIP and other programs. NRCS will not receive any funding for some programs,

such as the Conservation Security Program until a new Farm Bill is adopted. Mr. Beard stated that NRCS has also requested additional funding for an emergency EQIP Program that addresses animal mortality.

Director Cox stated a press release is going out this week for a fifth round of the Swine Farm Floodplain Buyout Program to remove operations from the floodplain. This is a combination of State and Federal funding received through NRCS. There is \$5M available for removing a handful of those farms from the floodplain.

Chairman Langdon quoted from Mark Twain, "The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." Chairman Langdon stated we have a purpose, and these are extraordinary times and defining times, and we need to find our purpose and define ourselves and see what happens.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.



Vernon N. Cox, Director
Division of Soil & Water Conservation, Raleigh, N.C.



Helen Wiklund, Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation Commission on November 14, 2018.



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RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR

Complete and submit online on your district's SharePoint page; keep original for your file

The supervisors of the Haywood Soil and Water Conservation District of Haywood County, North Carolina have recommended the individual listed below for APPOINTMENT as a district supervisor in accordance with N.C.G.S. 139-7 for a term of office commencing September 2018 and ending December 2018 to fill the expired or un-expired term of Carlyle Ferguson.

Name of nominee: William C. Morrow
 Address of nominee, City, State, Zip: 464 Sunnyside Rd. Waynesville NC 28786
 Email address of nominee: Morrow Farms 464@gmail.com
 Home phone: 828-452-9280
 Mobile phone: 828-506-2606
 Business phone: 828-456-3943
 Occupation: Agriculture Research Manager
 Age: 52
 Education: B.S. Parks and Recreation Management
 Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee: Interim Superintendent (M.R.S.) Deacon
 Former occupations or positions of leadership contributing to nominee's qualifications: Unit Manager horticulture crops, Research Technician (Tobacco)
 Other pertinent information: Currently assist in managing family farm.

Dates of previous attendance at UNC School of Government training, if applicable: _____
 Is nominee willing to attend a training session at the UNC School of Government within the first year after appointment? Check for "Yes"
 Has the nominee been contacted to determine their willingness to serve? Check for "Yes"
 Has the program and purpose of the soil and water conservation district been explained to the nominee? Check for "Yes"
 Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in local district meetings? Check for "Yes"
 Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in Area meetings? Check for "Yes"
 Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in State meetings? Check for "Yes"

Signatures

I hereby certify that the board of supervisors considered the Guiding Principles for Supervisor Nomination for Appointment shown on the reverse of this nomination form when selecting the above supervisor candidate for nomination. I also certify that this recommendation has been considered and approved by a majority of the members of the board of supervisors and entered in the official minutes of the board.

X Bill Yarbrough
 SWCD Chair (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated)
 Printed name: Bill Yarbrough

9-4-2018
 Date

I hereby certify that the above information is true and accurate.

X William C. Morrow
 Individual recommended for appointment
 Printed name: William C. Morrow

8-31-18
 Date



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RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR

Complete and submit online on your district's SharePoint page; keep original for your file

The supervisors of the Lenoir Soil and Water Conservation District of Lenoir County, North Carolina have recommended the individual listed below for APPOINTMENT as a district supervisor in accordance with N.C.G.S. 139-7 for a term of office commencing October 2018 and ending Dec 2020 to fill the expired or un-expired term of Becky Hines.

Name of nominee: Tara Hughes
 Address of nominee, City, State, Zip: 4304 Robinwood Dr., Kinston, NC, 28504
 Email address of nominee: tarabh123@gmail.com
 Home phone: 252-522-0402
 Mobile phone: 252-775-0306
 Business phone: 252-666-5033
 Occupation: Landscape Contractor
 Age: 24
 Education: Horticulture Technology Associate in Applied Science
 Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee: Rotoract of Lenoir County Information Officer
 Former occupations or positions of leadership contributing to nominee's qualifications: RCW Counselor for 6 years 2013-2018

Other pertinent information: I have grown up in a farming family. My father, Charles Hughes was elected as a supervisor when I was 12 years old. Education of the environment is my passion. I currently go to various public meetings to promote the RCW Workshop and encourage future conservationist.
 Dates of previous attendance at UNC School of Government training, if applicable: _____
 Is nominee willing to attend a training session at the UNC School of Government within the first year after appointment? Check for "Yes"
 Has the nominee been contacted to determine their willingness to serve? Check for "Yes"
 Has the program and purpose of the soil and water conservation district been explained to the nominee? Check for "Yes"
 Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in local district meetings? Check for "Yes"
 Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in Area meetings? Check for "Yes"
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X [Signature] 9/18/2018
 SWCD Chair (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated) Date
 Printed name: Charles Hughes

I hereby certify that the above information is true and accurate.

X [Signature] 9/18/2018
 Individual recommended for appointment Date
 Printed name: Tara Hughes

TO: Mr. Charles Hughes, Chair
Lenoir County Soil & Water Conservation District

FROM: Becky Hines, Supervisor
Lenoir County Soil & Water Conservation District

DATE: September 11, 2018

RE: Resignation

Mr. Hughes,

It is with great sadness that I submit my letter of resignation from the Lenoir County Soil & Water Conservation District Board. This resignation is a result of a new career position in Sampson County that will make me unavailable to the people of Lenoir County and unable to attend monthly board meetings.

During my time on the board I have learned a lot from fellow board members and district staff. I hope you will find someone to fill my seat that has the same love of educational programs to ensure students in Lenoir County and North Carolina have opportunities to learn about our natural resources.

Sincerely,

Becky L Hines

**NC Cost Share Programs Supervisor Contracts
Soil and Water Conservation Commission**

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Warren	92-2019-010	Herman Collier	5 year sod-based rotation	\$1,909	

Total Number of Supervisor Contracts: **6**

Total **\$27,231**

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ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the Caswell Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: NCACSP

Best management practice: 5-year sod base rotation

Contract number: 17-2019-005

Contract amount: \$2,013.00

Score on priority ranking sheet: 17

Cost Share Rate : 100 % If different than 75%, please list % percent:

Reason: Incentive payment

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 4th out of 5

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? No

If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

Supervisor name: Dennis Simmons

Dennis Simmons
(District Supervisor's signature)

9-10-18
Date

Approved by:

William R. Boeg
(District Chairperson's signature)

9-10-18
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

(SWCC Chairperson's signature)
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

Date

*Beneficiaries include but are not limited to applicant, landowner, and/or business partners.

ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the Hertford Co. Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: NC ACS P

Best management practice: well closure

Contract number: 08-2019-001 Contract amount: \$ 1500

Score on priority ranking sheet: 11

Cost Share Rate: 75 % If different than 75%, please list % percent:
Reason:

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 1st out of 3

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? NO

If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

Supervisor name: David Simons

[Signature]
(District Supervisor's signature)

9-5-18
Date

Approved by:

[Signature]
(District Chairperson's signature)

9-6-18
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

(SWCC Chairperson's signature)
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

Date

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ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the **Hoke Soil and Water Conservation District**, I have applied for, or stand to benefit* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: **NC Ag Cost Share**

Best management practice: **Cover Crop**

Contract number: **47-2018-004**

Contract amount: **\$ 9,078.00**

Score on priority ranking sheet: **125**

Cost Share Rate : **75** % If different than 75%, please list % percent: **100**

Reason: **100**

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): **4**
incentive

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? **No**

If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

Supervisor name: **Gary Hendrix**

Gary Hendrix
(District Supervisor's signature)

8-20-18
Date

Approved by: **MATTHEW LINDSAY**

Matthew Lindsay
(District Chairperson's signature)

8-20-2018
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

(SWCC Chairperson's signature)
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

Date

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ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the Onslow Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: ACSP

Best management practice: Cover Crops - Incentive

Contract number: 67-2019-001 Contract amount: \$ 3,020.00

Score on priority ranking sheet:

Cost Share Rate :100 % If different than 75%, please list % percent:

Reason: Incentive BMP

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 1 of 1

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? No, Tim is our only applicant for FY 2019 ACSP program.

If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

Supervisor name: Tim Huffman

Tim Huffman
★ (District Supervisor's signature)

10-3-2018
Date

Approved by: S. Jerome Shaw

S. Jerome Shaw
★ (District Chairperson's signature)

10-3-18
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

(SWCC Chairperson's signature)
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

Date

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ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the Person _____ Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: ACSP

Best management practice: Grassed Waterways, Field Borders, + Diversion

Contract number: 73-2018-009 Contract amount: \$ 9,711

Score on priority ranking sheet: 525

Cost Share Rate : 75 % If different than 75%, please list % percent:
Reason:

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 1st out of 2 projects

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? No

If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

Supervisor name: Hunter R. Thomas


(District Supervisor's signature)

5-7-18
Date

Approved by: Bruce R. Whitfield


(District Chairperson's signature)

5-7-18
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

(SWCC Chairperson's signature)
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

Date

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ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the Warren Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: ACSP

Best management practice: 5 Yr. Sod-based Rotation

Contract number: 93-2019-010 Contract amount: \$1909

Score on priority ranking sheet: 185

Cost Share Rate : 100% If different than 75%, please list % percent:
Reason: Incentive

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 2 out of 5

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? No

If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

Supervisor name: Herman L. Collier

Herman L. Collier
(District Supervisor's signature)

9/11/18
Date

Approved by:

Charles Lynch
(District Chairperson's signature)

9-11-18
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

(SWCC Chairperson's signature)
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

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ATTACHMENT 3

Technical Specialist Designation Recommendations

October 12, 2018

1. The Soil and Water Conservation Commission has authority to designate water quality technical specialists based upon specific criteria and procedures (02 NCAC 59G). This authority extends to individuals who have been assigned approval authority by USDA NRCS, professional engineers subject to the "The NC Engineering and Land Surveying Act", or individuals that have completed the training requirements and demonstrated proficiency in a technical specialist category. Individuals must submit an application with evidence of expertise, skills and training required for each designation category.

Mr. Bryan Colvard, Wilkes County Soil and Water Conservation District, Natural Resource Conservationist, has requested to be designated technical specialist for Waste Utilization Planning/Nutrient Management (WUP/NM) category. He has successfully completed the required training and his technical competency has been verified by Division and NRCS personnel. Therefore, I recommend this designation for approval.

NC Agriculture's
Response to
Hurricane Florence

October 8, 2018

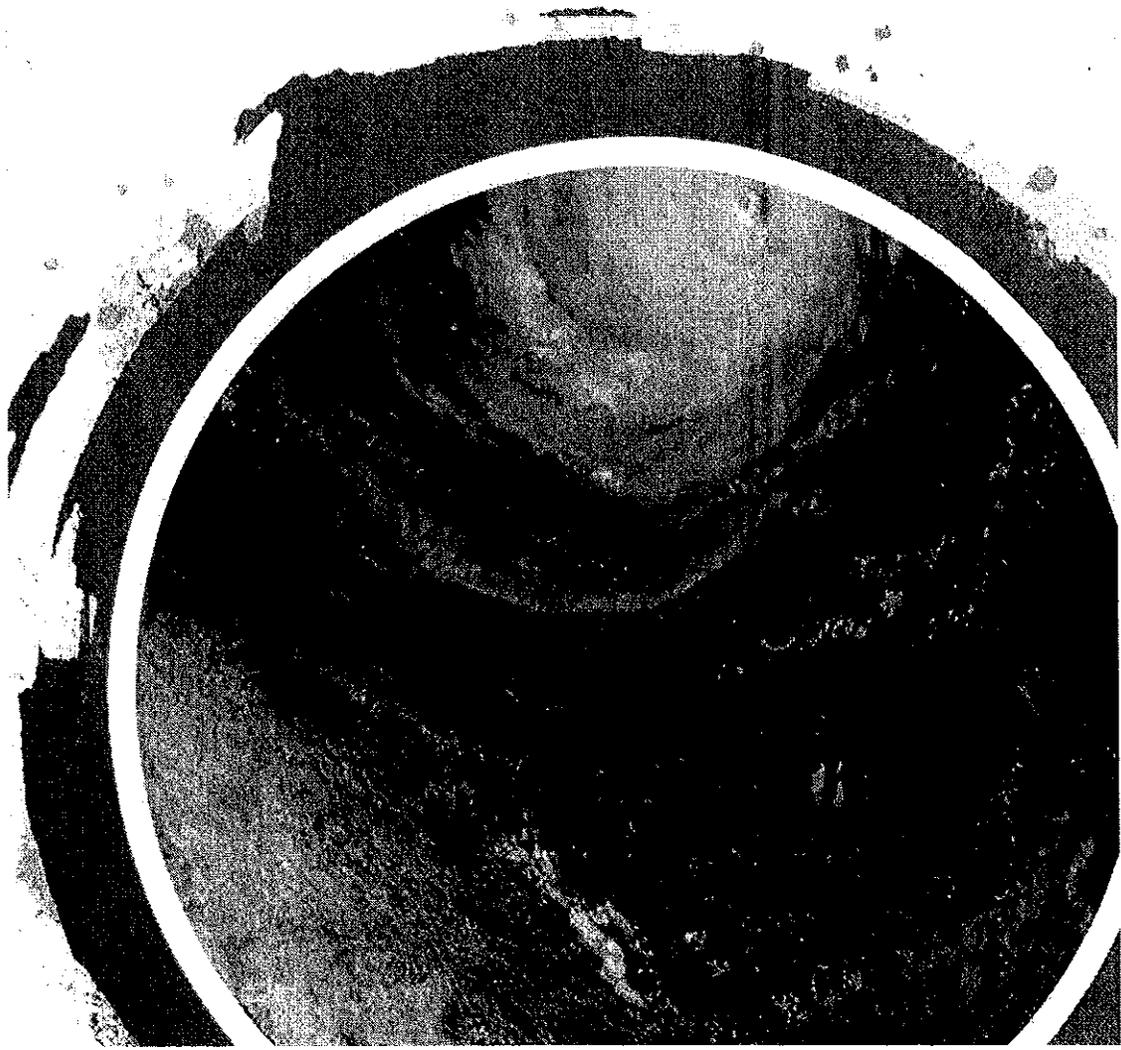


Preparations, Response, and Damage

Mr. Joe Reardon

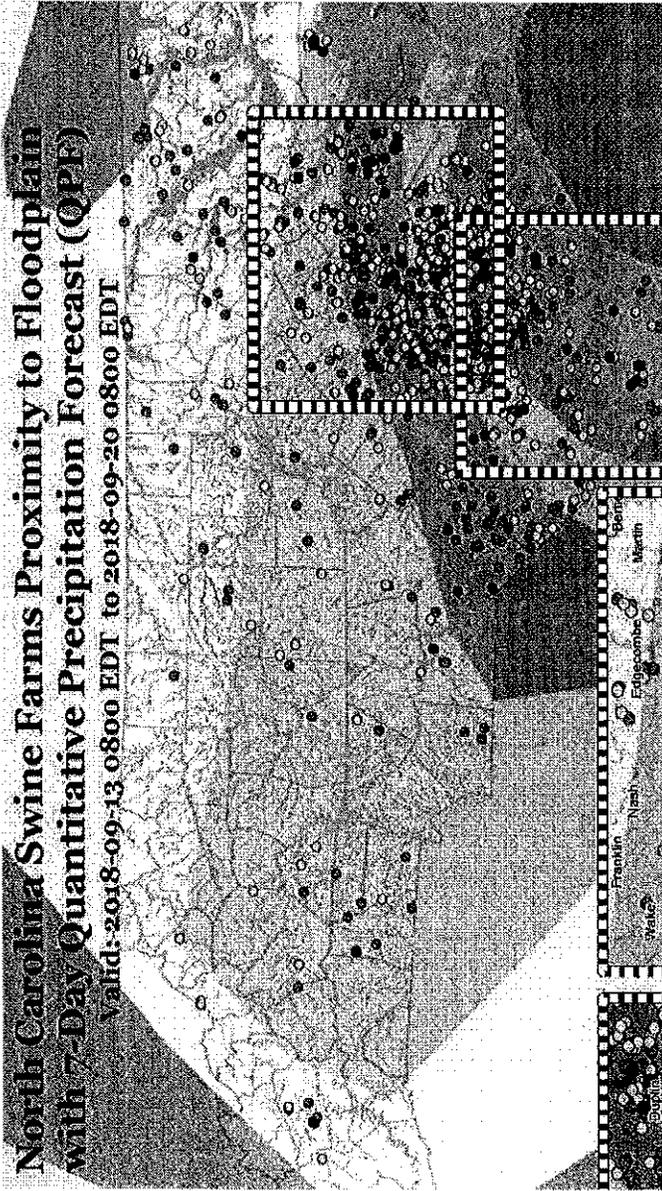
Assistant Commissioner for
Consumer Protection

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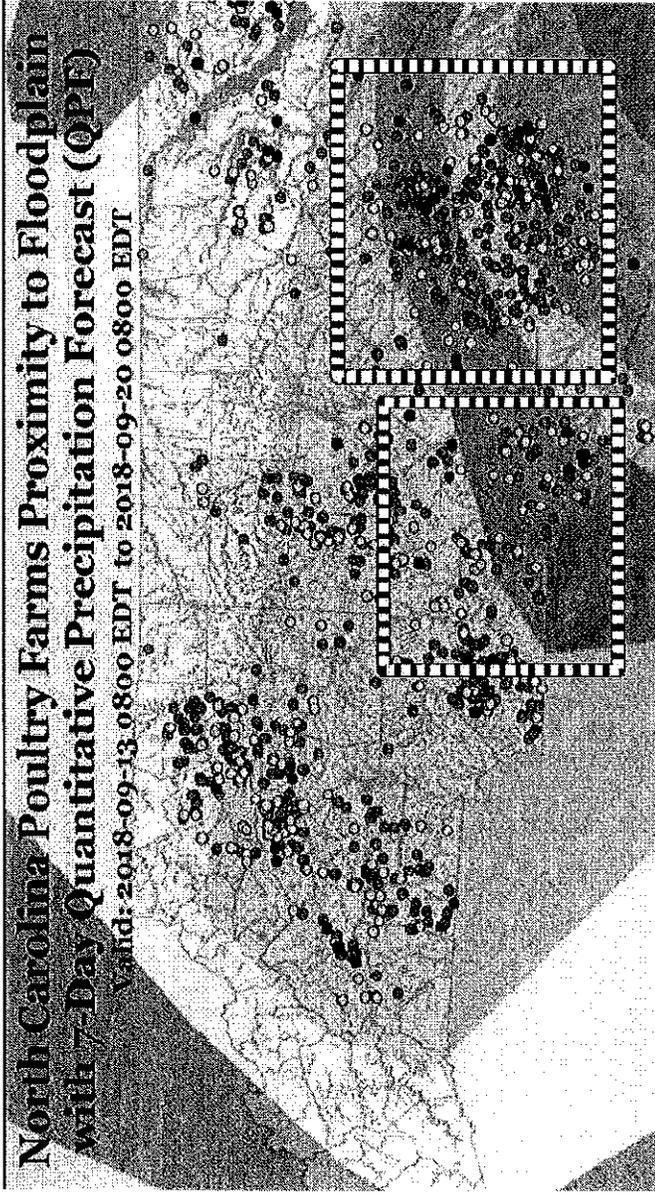
Coordination with Partners

- NCEM
 - Executive Order 52
- DEQ
 - Assistance locating approved landfills for deceased farm animals
- Local and National Animal Groups
 - Prepared potential needs and offers for local, state, and national partners for animal rescue, evacuation, and sheltering
- NC Cooperative Extension
 - Discussed potential staging areas for hay and other donations



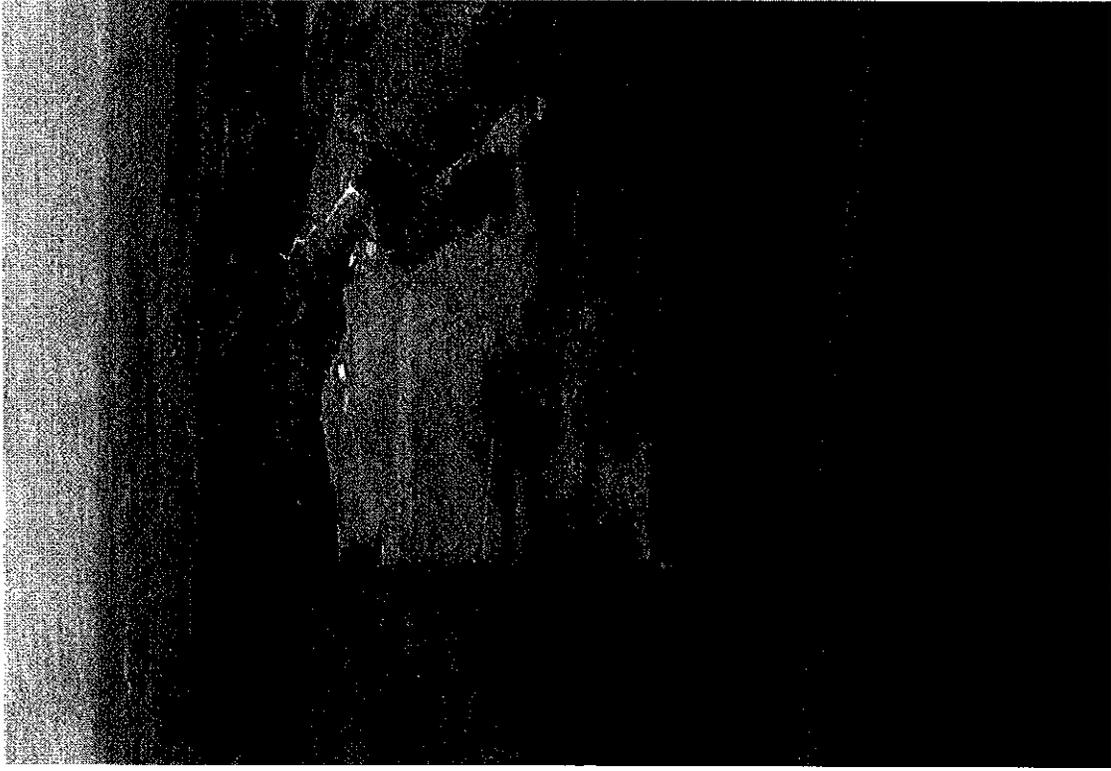
Swine Industry

- Industry partners contacted daily in preparation of storm
- 20,000 hogs were either moved to facilities in other states, transported to slaughter, or movement to NC reduced.
- Many commercial farms lowered lagoon levels in accordance with DEQ regulations
- Facility generators and automatic feeders were pre-filled ahead of the storm



Poultry Industry

- Industry partners contacted daily in preparation of storm
- Approximately 1.5 million birds were moved before the storm – either to slaughter or to other farms
- Feed was positioned on farms before storm
- Generators were prepared before storm



Livestock and Equine

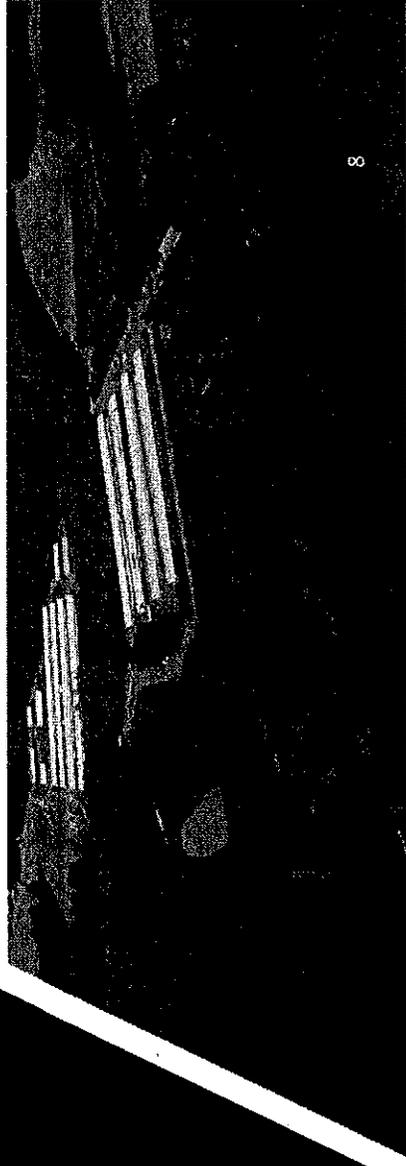
- NC Horse Council identified stabling options and developed emergency transportation contacts
- NCDA&CS Veterinary Division worked with SC, VA, and GA to waive transportation restrictions for horses
- Cattle industry compiled possible hay sources and needs

Agriculture Incident Management Team



Farm Infrastructure

- State roads leading to farms were flooded or washed out
- Farm roads flooded or washed out
- Fencing, equipment and materials.



Crop and Economic Loss

Commodity	Production Loss	Total Estimated Loss	Estimated Job Impact
Flue-Cured Tobacco	\$314M	\$769M	11,772
Sweet Potatoes	\$180M	\$497M	13,967
Corn	\$84M	\$232M	6,522
Soybeans	\$202M	\$486M	4,623
Cotton	\$135M	\$338M	4,608



Commercial Forestry

- \$69M in production loss / \$153M Total Estimated Loss
- 3,445 Estimated Jobs Impacted
- 1.2 million acres with impact
- Jones, Onslow, Craven and Carteret Counties with greatest impact

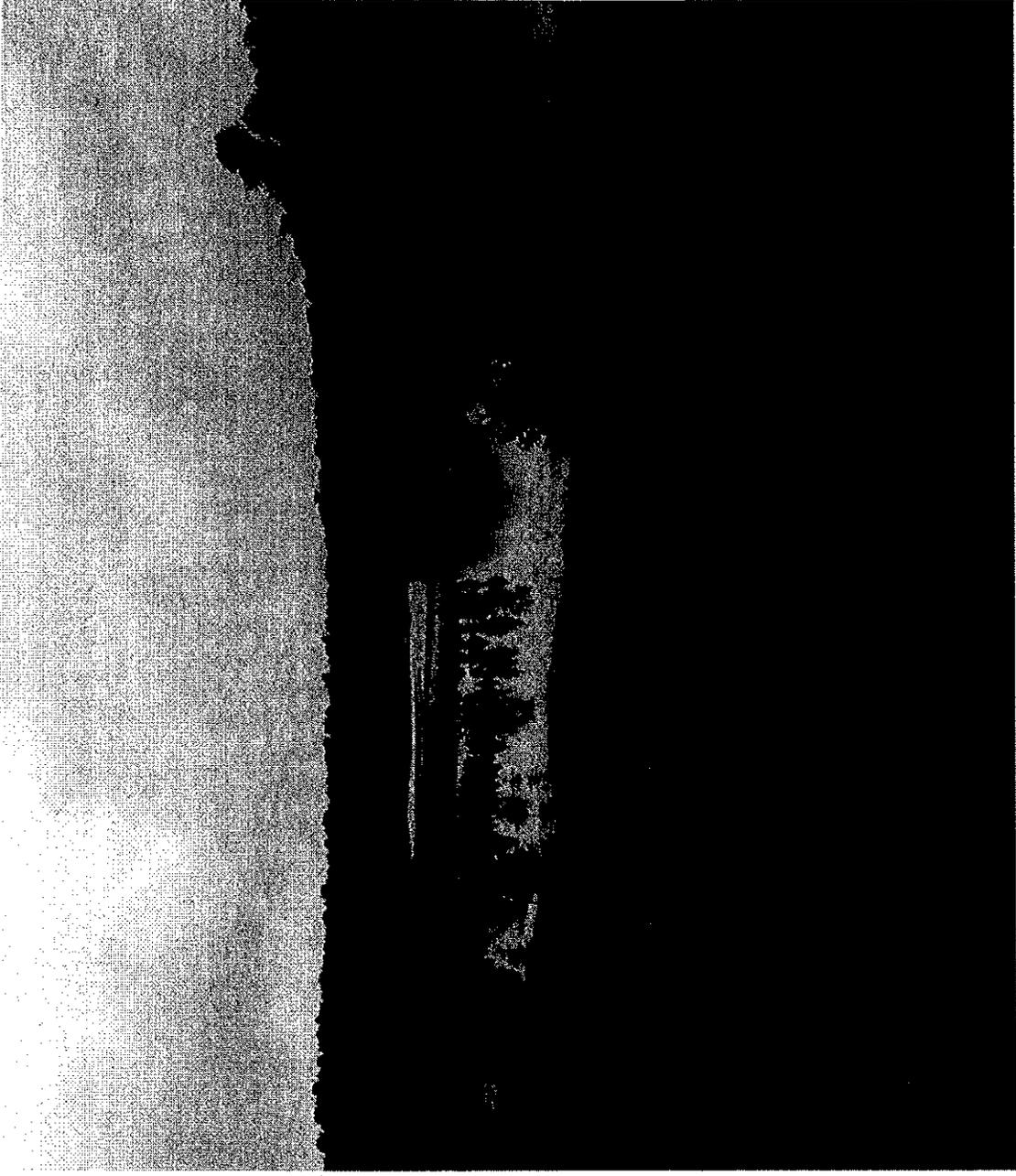


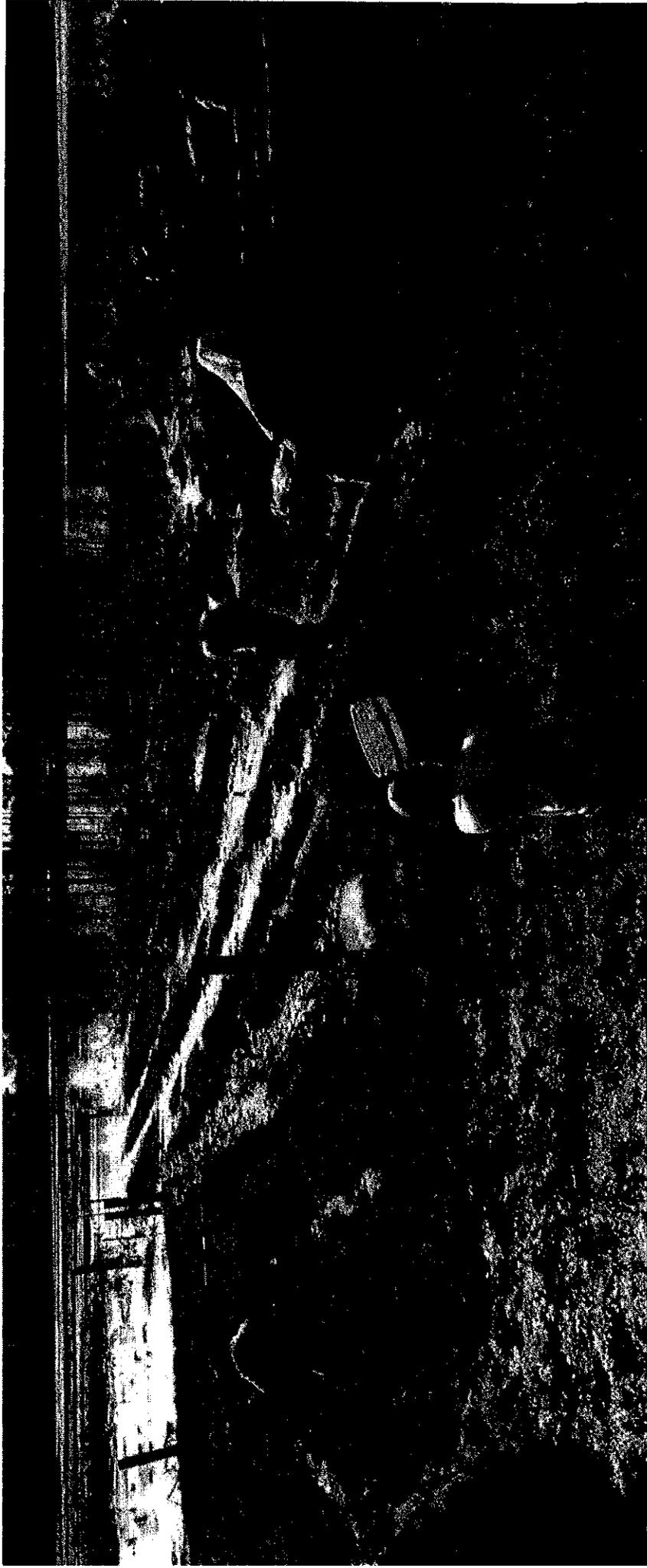
Wind Damage

- Most Damage Came From Flooding
- Wind Damage to Farm Buildings and Crops Did Account for Some Loss

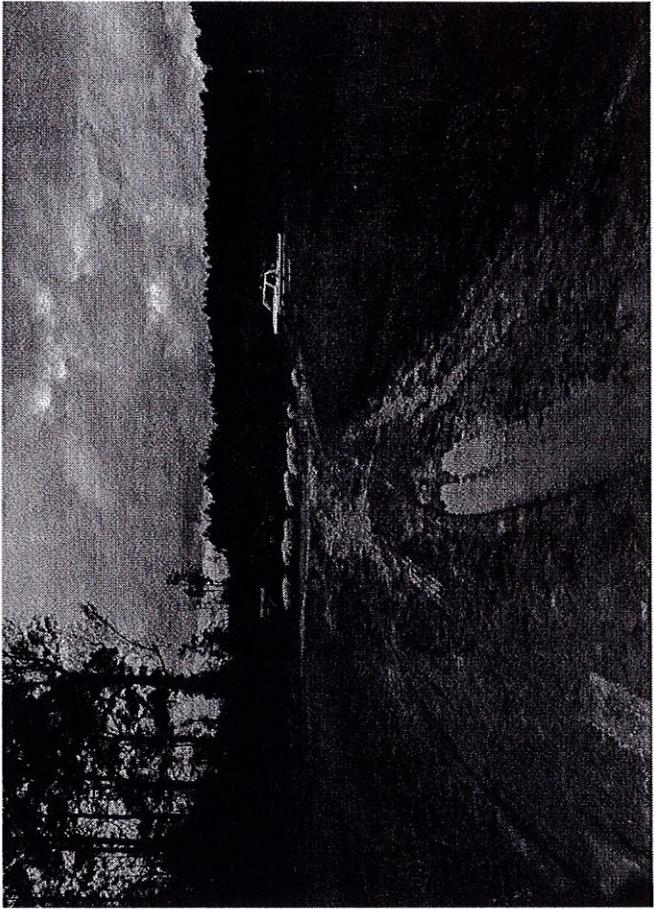
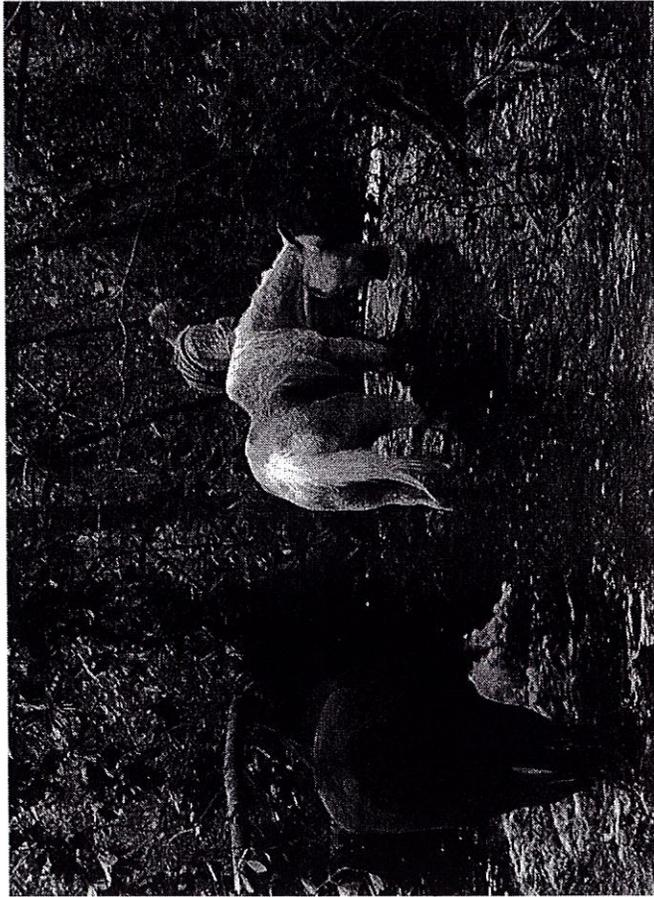
Nurseries

- \$30M Production Loss / \$64M Total Estimated Loss
- 1,097 estimated jobs impacted

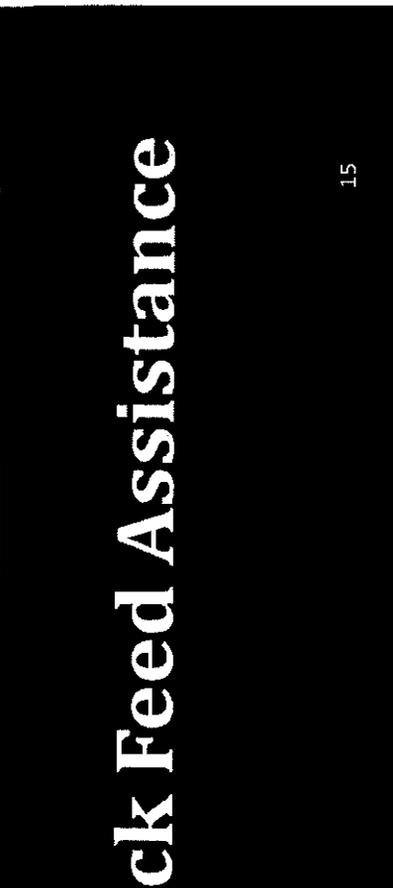
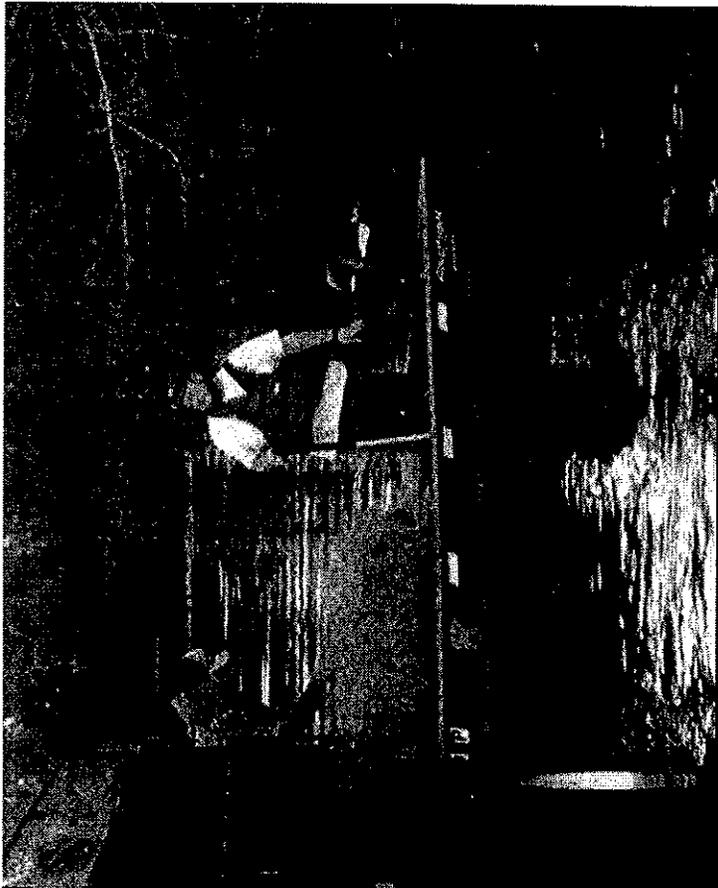




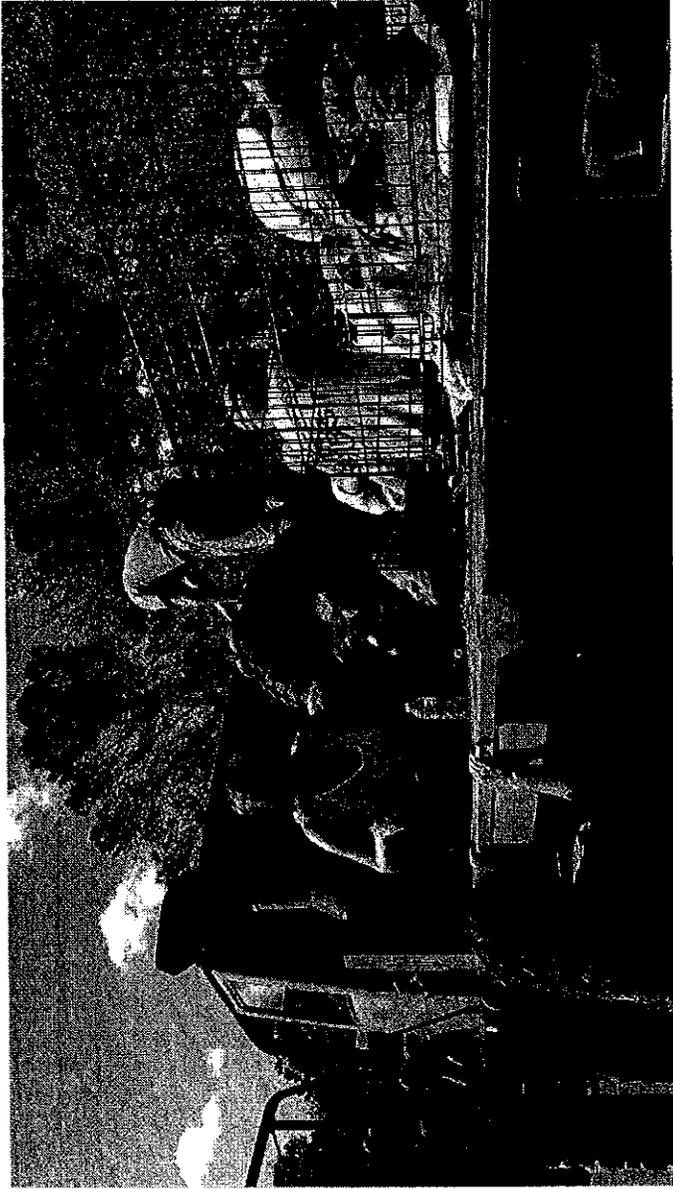
Livestock and Research Stations



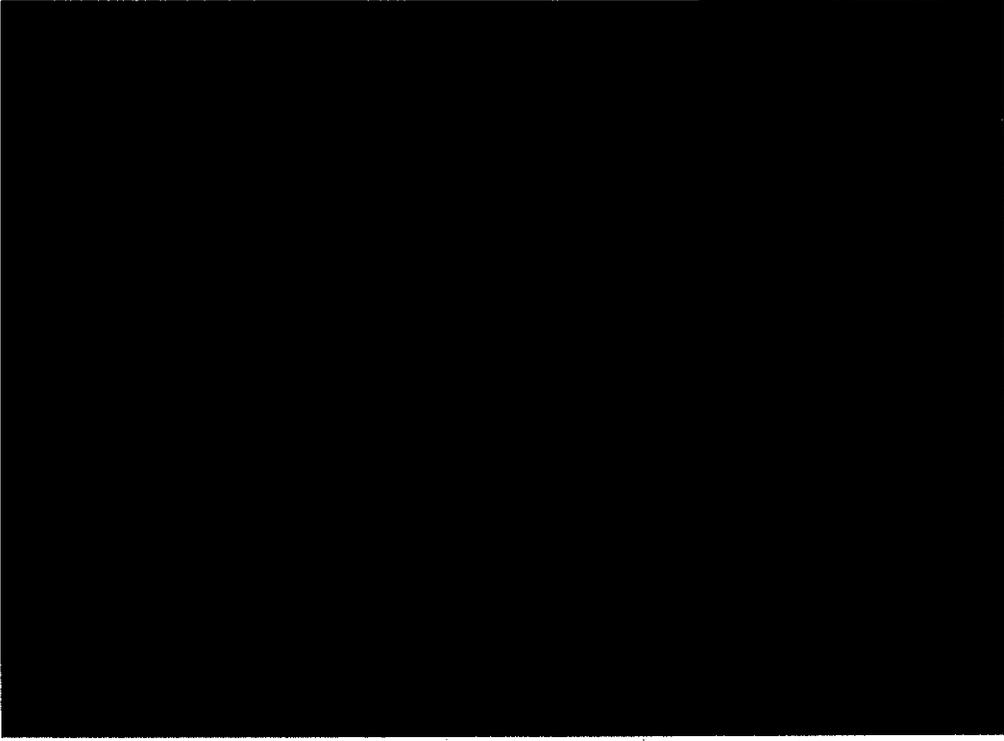
Assistance with Locating Animals

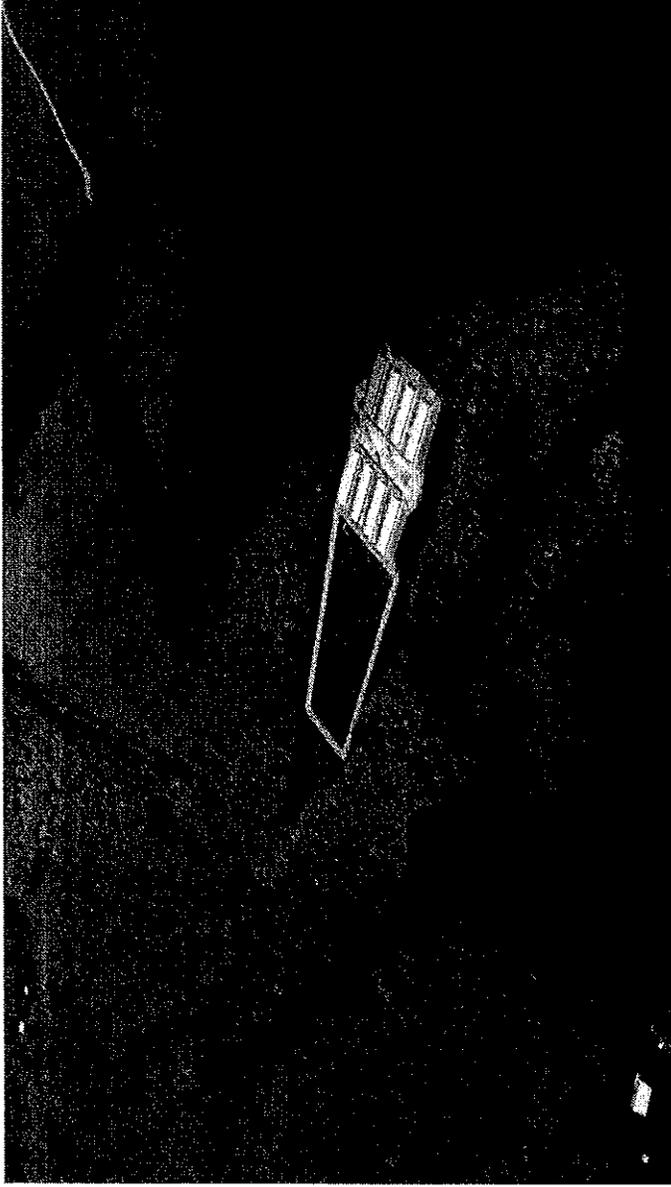


Livestock Feed Assistance



Helping People



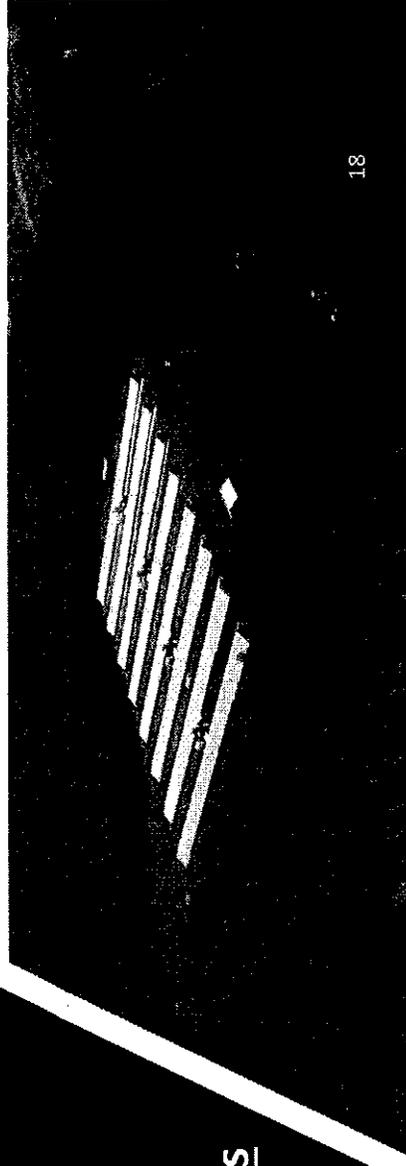
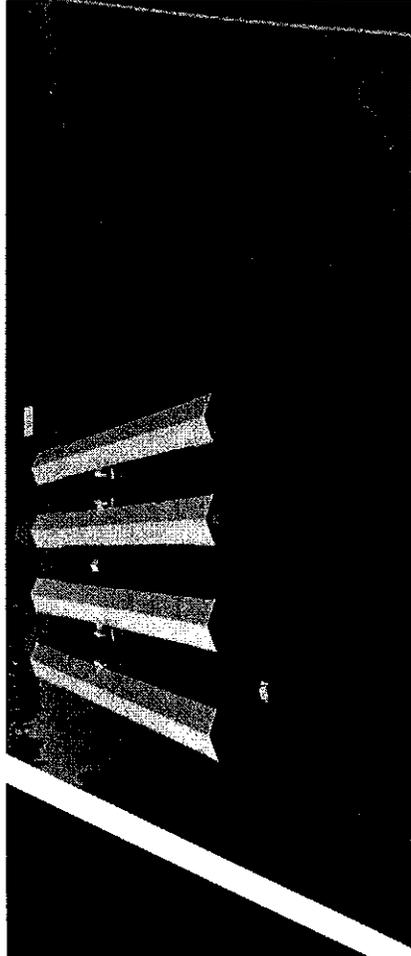


Commercial Swine

- Over 180 buildings were impacted
- 30 (17%) buildings flooded - does not equal drowning
- 22 (73%) of buildings that flooded were NOT in any recognized floodplain
- Over 40 buildings (>22%) had access cut off due to flooded roads
- Estimated 5,500 commercial swine mortality

Commercial Poultry

- Over 370 commercial poultry houses were impacted
- 238 poultry houses were flooded
- 179 (75%) of the buildings flooded were NOT in any recognized floodplain
- 4 poultry houses were destroyed by wind
- Estimated 4.2 million commercial poultry mortality
- \$63 million estimated economic loss
- Response and assessment was slow due to flooded farms and roads

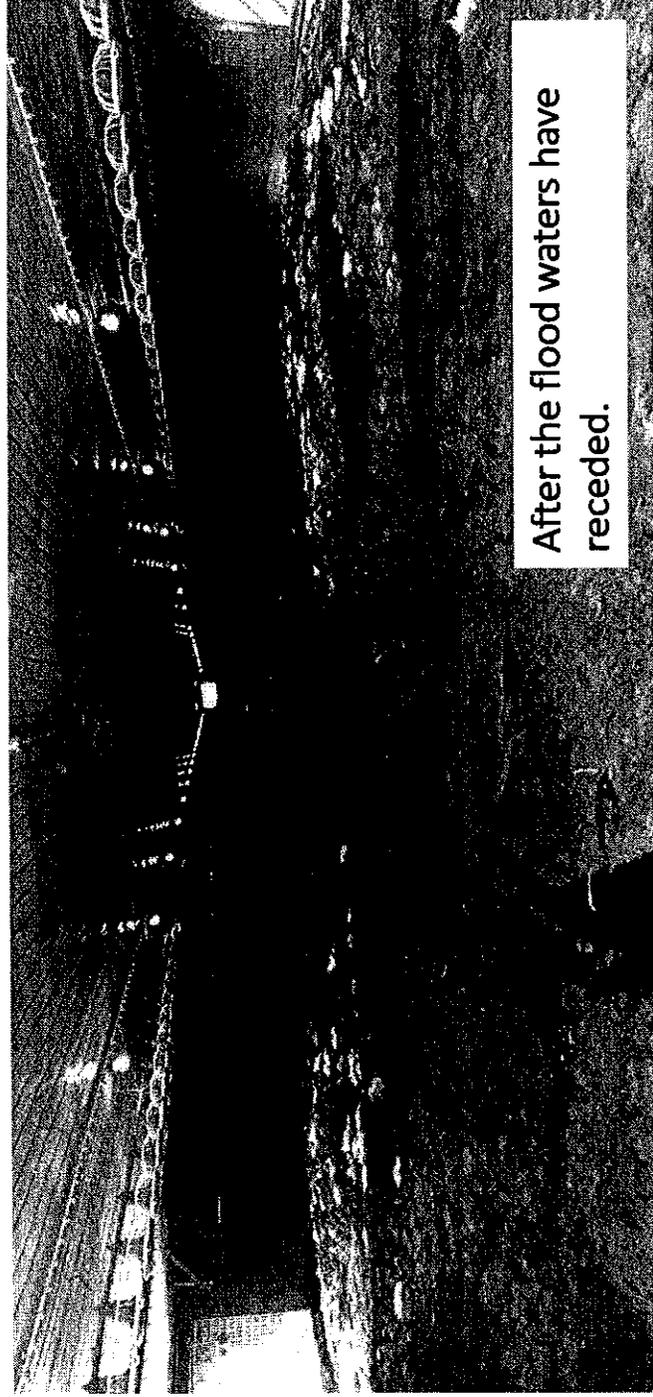


The Mortality Management Program

- 63 commercial poultry farms participating
- NCDA&CS contractors are:
 - Subject Matter Experts
 - Carbon Delivery
 - Clean Out/Hauling

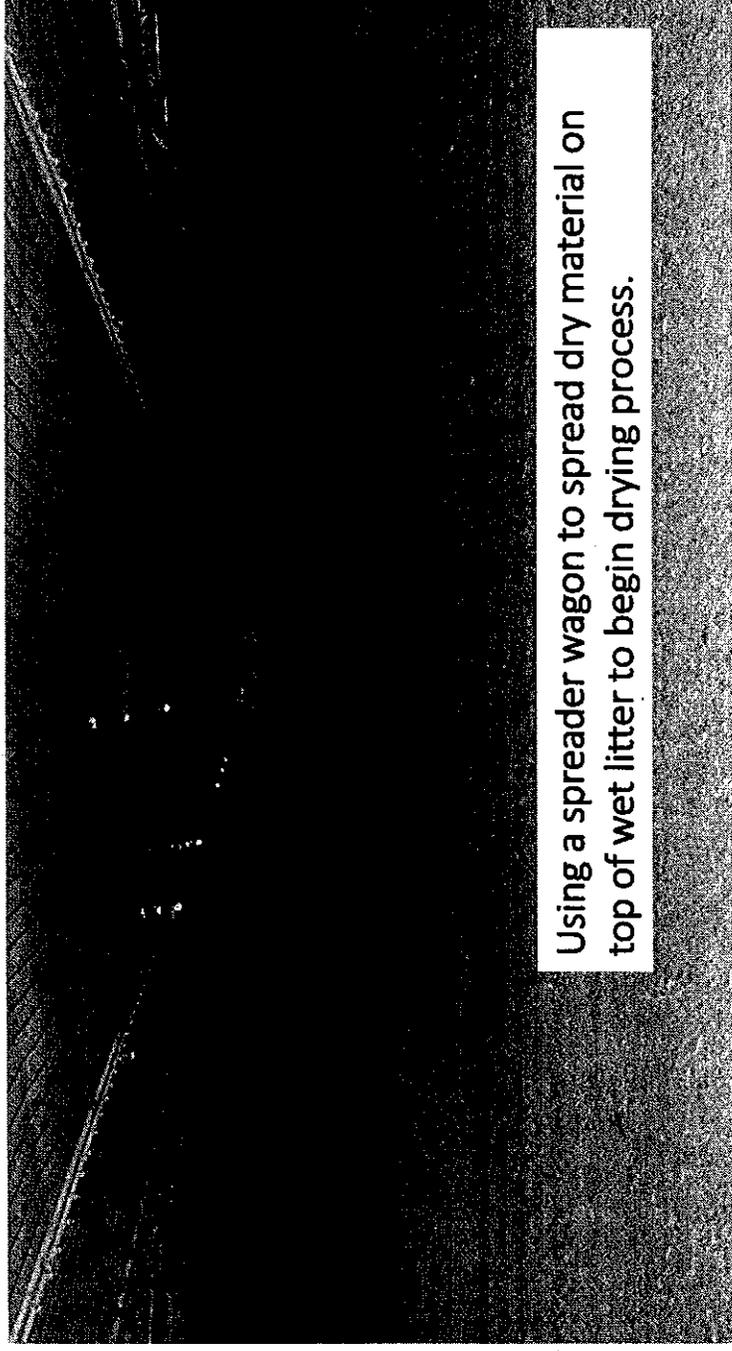


The Mortality Management Program



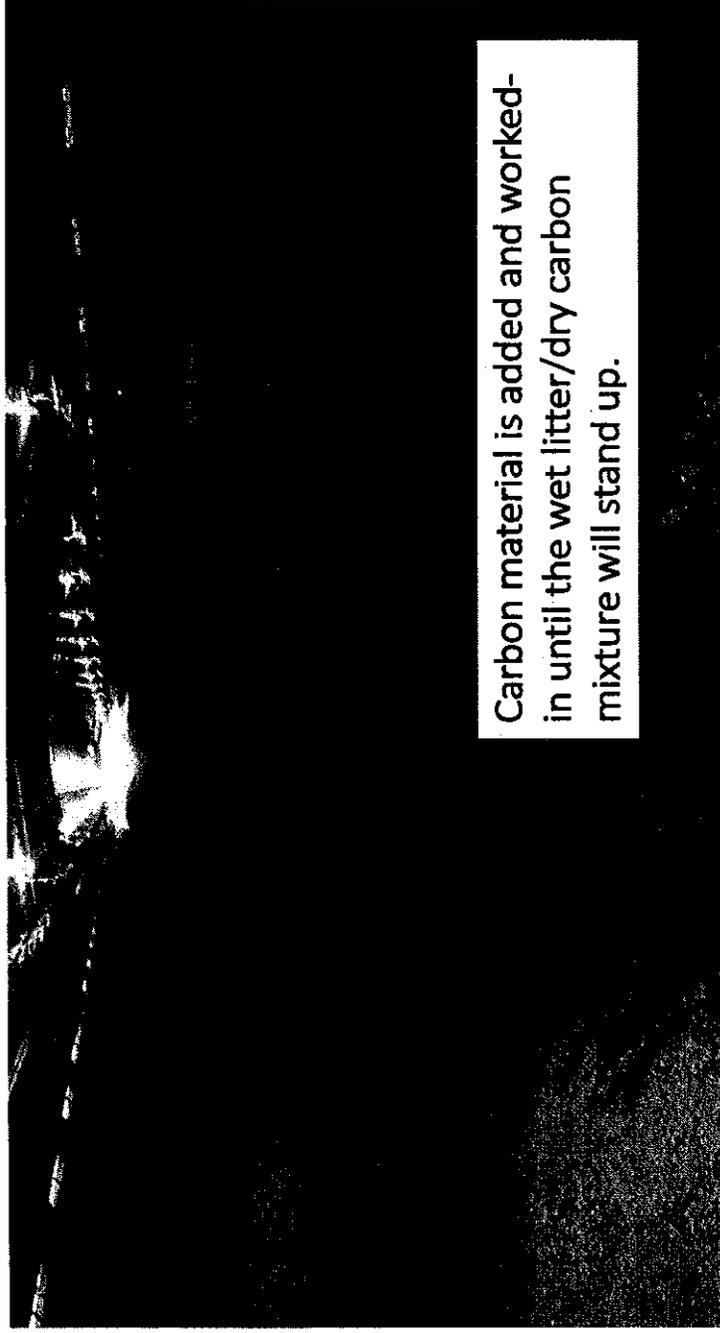
After the flood waters have receded.

The Mortality Management Program



Using a spreader wagon to spread dry material on top of wet litter to begin drying process.

The Mortality Management Program



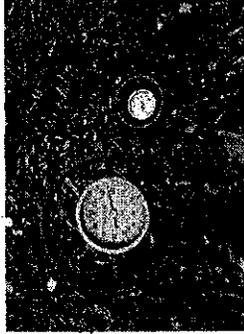
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From a stack at the end of the house the material can be loaded and taken directly to outside windrows where the base is already formed and capping material is staged.

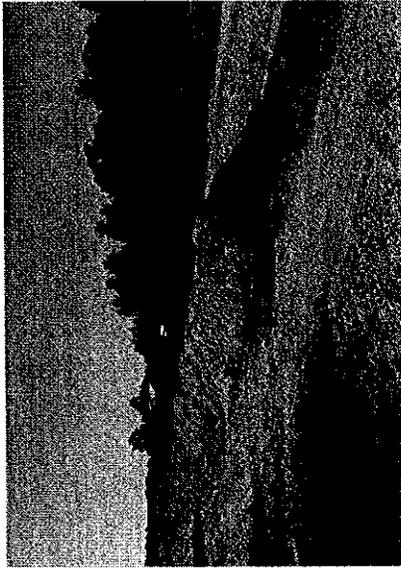


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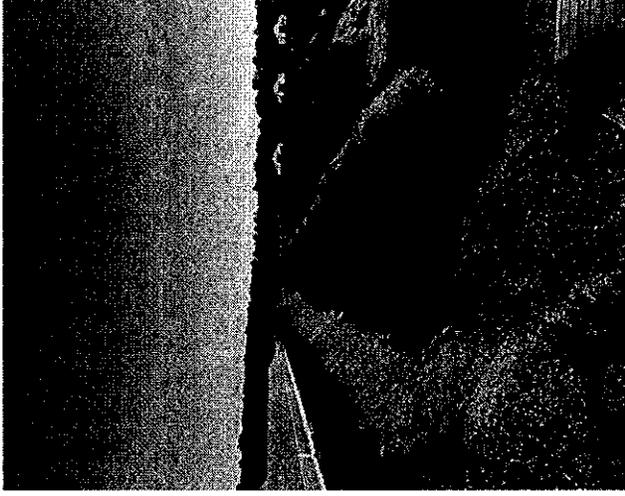
Windrows in the process of being capped.

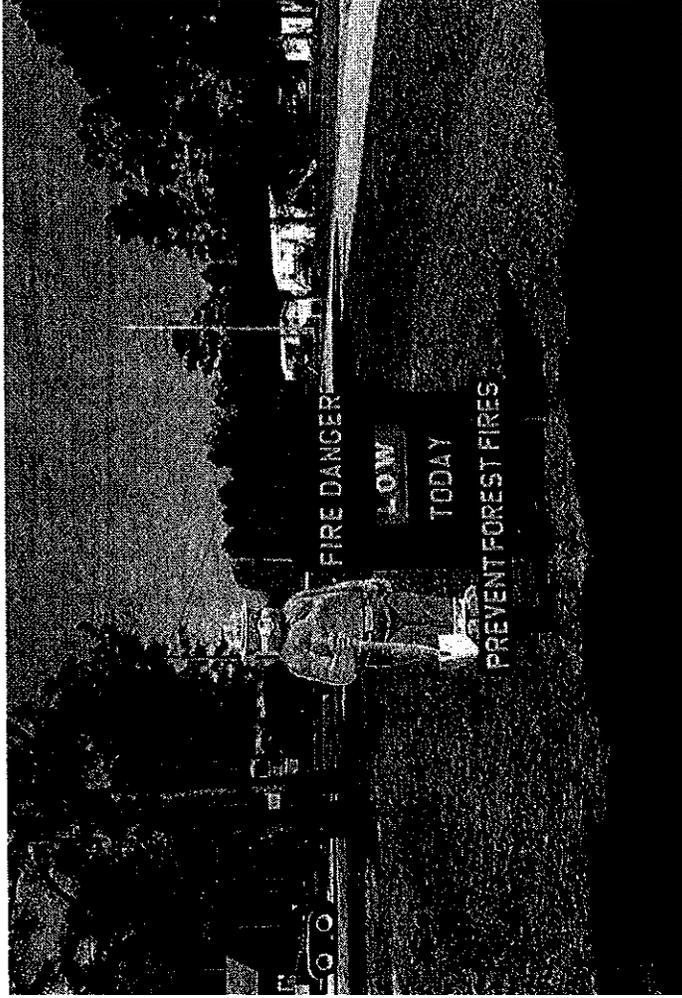


Capped and actively composting with temps in the 140° - 150° F range.



The Mortality Management Program





NCDA&CS Recovery Request

Mr. David Smith
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NCDA&CS

NC Farmer Recovery Reinvestment Program (FRRP)

Need: Immediate

Incentive program for NC farmer to continue business

Assistance with underinsured and uninsurable crops, livestock, and poultry losses

Intent of use must be to continue agriculture operation

Total \$250 million

**FEMA Contract
Reimbursement
(Mortality
Management
Program)**

Need: Immediate

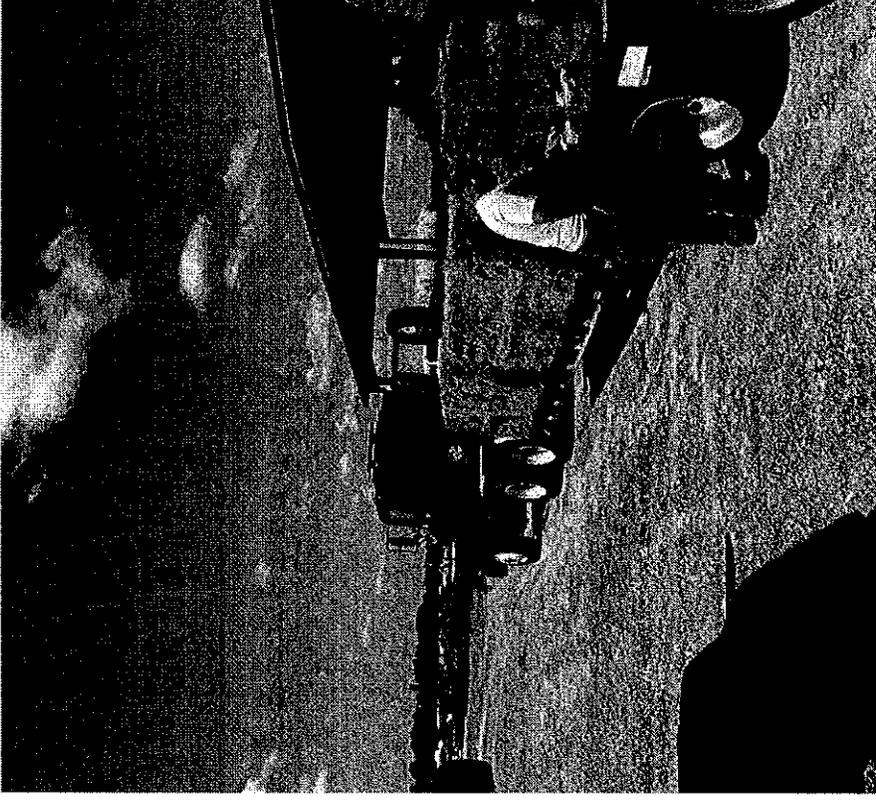
Human and environmental health
concern

Covers composting, carbon source,
landfill, transportation, & tipping fees

Total: \$20 million

Hay Relief

- Detrimental to winter feeding
- Purchase, delivery, and drop off sites needed
- **Total: \$3 million**



Soil and Water Conservation Division

**Pasture Renovation
and
Lagoon Management
Expenses**

- Conservation/Cover crop overseed
 - Reduces soil erosion, sedimentation & pollution
 - Hose drag systems or pump-and-haul techniques
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Total: \$3 million

**Stream Debris
Removal
and
Restoration**

- Drainage network in eastern North Carolina
- Vegetative storm debris, stream bank erosion & sediment deposition

Total: \$10 million

Agricultural Pond Repair

Repair and Retrofit

Benefits to farmer and the
environment

Total: \$5 million

**Emergency
Conservation
Program (ECP)
Supplemental
Funds**

Covers 75% of eligible
costs

25% match
requirement

Total: \$7.5 million



Non-Field Farm Road Repair

Repair of existing access roads

Off secondary roads-almost or
completely washed away

Not covered by ECP

Total: \$1 million

BMP / Renovation

Repair of conservation
structures

Still quantifying damages
with field assessments

Total: \$2 Million



NC Forest Service: Reforestation Funding Program Initiative

- Establishment of timber stands in damaged counties
- Damage to tree planting projects within the past 5 years-prolonged floodwater exposure

Total: \$2.5 million

NCDA&CS Departmental Facilities

Structural Damage
to various state
buildings

Total: \$6 million



DRAFT Cost Share Program Response to Hurricane Florence Damage

The Division of Soil and Water Conservation is working with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to assess circumstances where existing cost share policies may impede or enable efficient response to the damage caused by Hurricane Florence. The division is recommending the Soil and Water Conservation Commission (SWCC) consider the following items to respond quickly:

1. Approve a policy waiver to permit carbon sources for composting to be stored in Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP)-funded dry stacks, feed/waste storage structures, composters (funded through the livestock mortality management systems BMP or manure composting facilities BMP) under active maintenance, with the provision that storage space within the structure that is needed for animal waste shall not be used for carbon source storage. Waste may not be stored outside.
2. Approve a policy waiver to permit compost material to be stored in ACSP-funded dry stacks, feed/waste storage structures, composters (funded through the livestock mortality management systems BMP or manure composting facilities BMP) under active maintenance, until the compost can be land applied or removed.
3. Approve a policy waiver to permit grazing or harvesting of crops on acres affected by ACSP contracts for conservation cover, cover crop, crop residue management, and nutrient scavenger crop as needed to supplement lost forage.

These policy waiver recommendations shall be effective immediately and remain in effect through the end of the fiscal year unless the SWCC takes action to rescind sooner.

Should additional BMPs require policy waivers to respond to this disaster, it is recommended that the division director be granted approval authority for these waivers. Any additional policy waivers approved will be presented at the next commission meeting.