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NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Subject: NRCS Assistance to Animal Feeding Operations in South Carolina

Purpose. To set out instructions for providing assistance to animal feeding operations.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2006.

Due to the 2002 Farm Bill workload and the need to set priorities on technical assistance resources, the following are effective immediately:

1. A moratorium on developing all comprehensive nutrient management plans (or waste management plans for South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control [SCDHEC] plans) for new operations is in effect. A new operation includes both new farms and existing businesses that require a new permit from SCDHEC. Only those CNMPs with a previously written commitment with a firm delivery date for the plan may be completed. This moratorium is in effect until September 30, 2006, unless extended by the state conservationist.

2. Construction of new agricultural facilities may not be exempt from the stormwater and sediment and erosion control laws in the future. South Carolina NRCS will not develop stormwater management and sediment and erosion control plans for animal feeding operations.

3. NRCS will not develop broker plans. An exception is a nutrient management plan can be developed when the individual, licensed as a broker, is consistently using litter on the same land.

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