



**North Carolina Bulletin: 300-19-03**

**Subject: LTP – 2019 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Hurricane Response**

**Purpose:** To provide 2019 Environmental Quality Incentives Program guidance to Field and Area Offices for responding to resource concerns related to the impacts of 2018 Hurricanes.

**Expiration Date.** September 30, 2019

**Background.** Guidance is being issued for the 2019 EQIP program year for accepting applications relevant to resource concerns caused by 2018 Hurricanes. The purpose for this program offering is to provide financial assistance to farm operators to address resource concerns caused by 2018 hurricanes.

**Explanation.** North Carolina is offering a signup period for operators in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) declared disaster counties to address resource concerns that were caused by 2018 hurricanes. Applicants should be able to document damages to cropland, pastureland or forestland or confined animal operations caused by flooding or wind. All practices available with general EQIP will apply. The key will be to support the application for EQIP practices to storm damages. If such applicants have made application in EQIP by the November 2, 2018 deadline, then there is no need to accept another application. Likely applicants interested in this signup may have missed the November 2, 2018 sign up apply for EQIP financial assistance. Field staff should be able to demonstrate resource concerns were caused by storm events.

**FEMA affected counties:**

Anson, Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Chatham, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Durham, Greene, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Orange, Pamlico, Pender, Pitt, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Union, Wayne, Wilson

There will be one application reception deadline of February 1, 2019. These applications must be ranked, and participant eligibility confirmed in ProTracts.

Application Reception Deadline	February 1, 2019
Eligibility Letter Mailed (512.91)	February 8, 2019
Eligibility Deadline	March 15, 2019
Ranking Deadline	March 29, 2019
Preapprovals	April 12, 2019
Obligation Deadline	June 14, 2019

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All program guidance will be located under the North Carolina Thunderbook on the [North Carolina NRCS SharePoint](#).

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