A Farmer's Guide to Agriculture and Water Quality Issues

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Introduction

NC State University has partnered with several universities to develop an educational product for EPA's Agricultural Compliance Assistance Center, funded by USDA-CSREES.

Partnerships

- EPA's Agricultural Compliance Assistance Center
- USDA-CSREES
- · NC State University
- NC A&T State University
- Cornell University
- · California Polytechnic State University
- Purdue University
- · University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill









Objectives

To develop material for farmers and their information providers to help farmers:

- · understand which environmental requirements affect them
- · assess their contribution to pollutant sources and transport to surface and ground waters
- · assess violations of environmental standards
- · comply with environmental requirements in cost-effective

Methods

- · Identify farmers' needs regarding compliance and pollution prevention
- · Develop web site material
- · Develop printable fact sheets
- ADA compliance
- · Segment for low literacy viewers
- · Pilot test web site

Results

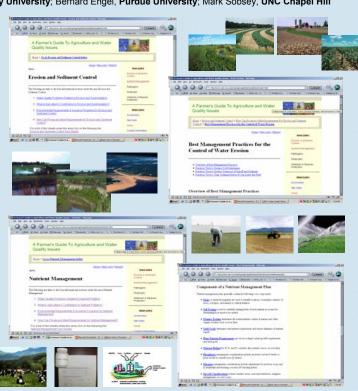
Web site:

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/wg/wgp/



Water Quality Focus Areas:

- Erosion & Sediment Control
- · Nutrient Management
- Pesticides
- Pathogens
- · Wetlands and Riparian Protection



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