

North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

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MEMORANDUM

To: Animal Waste Technical Specialists
Animal Operation Permit Holders

From: Jay Zimmerman, Director *JZ*
Division of Water Resources

Re: Application Window for Bermuda

Due to heavy rainfall events in North Carolina in recent weeks in addition to impacts from Hurricane Joaquin, which necessitated Executive Order No. 80 – Declaration of a State of Emergency, many animal waste lagoons are at or near their freeboard limits. Animal operations are no longer able to apply waste on their Bermuda crops due to expiration of the associated application window on September 30, 2015.

By and through this memo, the Division of Water Resources (DWR) will allow the application window for Bermuda to be extended until October 20, 2015 for all North Carolina counties.

The following conditions apply to this extension. Please be sure to follow all of these conditions in order to avoid a violation of your Animal Waste Permit:

1. This extension applies only to Bermuda crops with an application window that expired on September 30, 2015.
2. The owner of the animal operation must have the Waste Utilization Plan (WUP) amended by a Technical Specialist to reflect the extended application window. The owner must keep this temporary amendment with the WUP for review during the farm's annual inspection.
3. The application of waste during this extended period shall not exceed the specified PAN rates for each field.
4. The extended application window must end no later than October 20, 2015 and is valid for this year only.

For animal operations that are interested in other land application windows extensions, consult with a licensed agronomist in accordance with Appendix 1.20 of the 9th 1217 Guidance Document.

If you have any questions related to this extension and how it may apply, please contact Christine Lawson, Animal Feeding Operations Program Manager at (919) 807-6354.