

## North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

### EFFICIENCIES REPORTING BY NER AGENCIES

**SECTION 14.2A.(a)** The Wildlife Resources Commission and the Departments of Environment and Natural Resources, Labor, Commerce, and Agriculture and Consumer Services that have, within the current biennium, as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1, undergone reorganizations, modifications to assignments or duties, or transfers of departmental functions or positions between fund codes shall submit a report as provided in this section. The report shall address the rationale for the reorganization or other administrative modifications, the efficiencies achieved, and the cost-savings resulting from the reorganization or other administrative modifications, including, at a minimum, the following:

(1) Positions eliminated. **N/A**

(2) Positions transferred among divisions, sections, or programs.

Our Information Technology group historically reported to the Director of the Agricultural Statistics Division (Federal Employee) until August of 2012. At that time, due to reduction in force/restructuring/consolidation activities undertaken by the Federal Government, the IT group began reporting to the Department's Chief Deputy Commissioner (State Employee). The Federal activities were focused on moving to regional based offices from the existing state based offices structure. The North Carolina office was significantly reduced. Initially the accounting for the IT group remained in fund code 1050 within its own center- 1810. 1050 is the Agricultural Statistics fund code. A decision was made to transfer the IT group to their own fund code 1019 –IT Services in FY2014. There were no efficiencies achieved or cost-savings realized from this reorganization.

(3) New divisions, sections, and programs established.

1019 – IT Services (see above)

1035 – Small Farms – This is not a reorganization. The staff for this program continue to report to the Assistant Commissioner for Agricultural Services. This program has historically been included in the General Administration fund code – 1011 with a separate center 0500. A decision was made to account for the program separately as the activities do not fit in with the normal General Administration activities. The Small and Minority Farm Program section provides services to small, limited-resource and minority farmers who are traditionally underserved. These services are provided through outreach and education to assist this audience in making informed decisions and providing advocacy for those who do not have a voice.

1018 – Internal Audit – This is not a reorganization. The Internal Audit group continues to report to the Chief Deputy Commissioner. A decision was made to create a separate fund for this activity. Previously this activity was accounted for in fund 1011 – General Administration. Fund 1018 was set up in FY2014 to account for the costs of this program.

(4) A comparison of the organizational charts before and after the reorganizations or other administrative modifications with each structural change clearly identified. **See attached**

(5) A list of divisions, sections, and programs that were unaffected by the reorganizations or other administrative modifications. **See attached changes to NCDA&CS chart of accounts.**

(6) Resulting cost-savings, itemized by funding source. **N/A**

(7) An explanation of improvements in the administrative capability of the department to manage its programs and carry out its mission. **N/A**

(8) An identification of any obsolete or overlapping activities **N/A**

**SECTION 14.2A.(b)** Each department shall submit its report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic Resources and the Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly no later than December 1, 2014.