

The NJ Animal Waste Management Program is an initiative of the NJDA.

Animal waste management plans are intended to minimize agricultural non-point source pollution on livestock operations by encouraging farmers to implement the Best Management Practices designed by the Department of Agriculture. The Warren County Soil Conservation District has received a grant from the NJDA to assist farmers in developing these plans.

This service is being offered **confidentially** and **free-of-charge** so farming operations can easily address agricultural non-point source pollution and comply with the New Jersey Criteria and Standards for Animal Waste Management.

The WCSCD has **no enforcement responsibility**, and is not looking for violations. The goal of this program is to educate farmers in better waste management practices.



The mission of New Jersey's Soil Conservation Districts is to conserve natural resources for the citizens of New Jersey, and to be recognized leaders in resource conservation by providing technical assistance, conservation education, watershed planning, and effective regulatory enforcement.

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ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

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Creating and implementing a self-certified Animal Waste Management Plan is a free and easy way to protect and prepare your farm for the future!

Well managed manure...

- Improves the soil nutrient levels
- Supplements or replaces commercial fertilizers
- Can be sold as a farm product, if it is properly composted
- Promotes the health and welfare of farm livestock

Do you meet either of these criteria? Then you need a self-certified plan:

- Any livestock operation with 8 to 299 animal units (1 Animal Unit = 1,000 lbs)
- Any farm that receives or applies more than 142 tons of animal waste per year

Farms with less than 8 animal units, or farms receiving or applying less than 142 tons per acre are encouraged, but not required, to have a plan.

HOW MANY OF THESE BMPs HAVE YOU ALREADY IMPLEMENTED?

Best Management Practices protect, maintain, and preserve water quality. Many of them are free or low-cost, and simple to implement—you're probably using some of them already!

Here are a few easy BMPs to put into practice on your own farm:

- ⇒ **Filter Strip:** an area of vegetation that traps organic materials and filters pollutants
- ⇒ **Manure Composting:** controlled and accelerated aerobic biodegradation
- ⇒ **Manure Storage Facility:** a permanent, constructed structure for temporary storage of animal manures
- ⇒ **Soil Testing:** determination of nutrient content of a soil sample by a laboratory.
- ⇒ **Manure and Waste Utilization:** using animal manures or other appropriate by-products on land in an environmentally acceptable manner while maintaining or improving soil and plant resources.
- ⇒ **Roof Runoff Management:** a facility for collecting, controlling, and disposing of runoff water from roofs.

CREATING A PLAN IS EASY!

JUST FOLLOW THESE FOUR SIMPLE STEPS:

- 1** Determine your Animal Units (Remember, 1,000 pounds = 1 AU)
- 2** Answer a few questions about your existing waste management practices.
- 3** Review your plan and make any necessary changes to your current management practices.
- 4** Sign the operator declaration form to self-certify your plan

