

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN WRITING NM-1

Important Facts

Practice Lifespan

Plans will be written for a period of three years.

Rate for new plans

- The Cost Share rate is 75% of the plan preparation costs not to exceed a maximum state payment of \$3.00 per acre for cropland fields receiving only commercial fertilizer, or a combination of imported animal manure and commercial fertilizer, and for hay or pasture fields receiving manure from other farming operations. The source of the manure must be from a farm within Virginia.
- The Cost Share payment is 75% of the plan preparation costs not to exceed a maximum state payment of \$6.00 per acre for cropland, hay, or pasture fields receiving on-farm generated animal manure.

Rate for Revised Plans

- The Cost Share rate is 75% of the plan preparation costs not to exceed a maximum state payment of \$1.00 per acre for cropland fields receiving only commercial fertilizer, or a combination of imported animal manure and commercial fertilizer, and for hay or pasture fields receiving manure from other farming operations. The source of the manure must be from a farm within Virginia.
- The Cost Share rate is 75% of the plan preparation costs not to exceed a maximum state payment of \$2.00 per acre for cropland, hay, or pasture fields receiving on-farm generated animal manure.

The development and implementation of nutrient management plans is needed to minimize the impact of nutrients used in crop production to the environment. The purpose of this practice is to offer assistance to farmers for the development of nutrient management plans.

- This practice applies to cropland only with the exception of hay or pasture that receives mechanical applications of collected animal manure.
- Permanent hay and pasture acres that receive only commercial fertilizer are NOT ELIGIBLE for cost-share under this practice.
- The preparation of nutrient management plans as a component of biosolids (sewage sludge) application permits are NOT ELIGIBLE for cost-share reimbursement.
- Nutrient management plans developed for farms having or requiring VPA animal waste permits or farms having greater than or equal to 300 beef cattle, 200 dairy cattle, 750 swine, 20,000 chickens, 11,000 turkeys, or 300 animal units of any species qualify for cost-share at the appropriate rate as listed below.
- The cooperating farmer agrees to follow the nutrient management plan for which he is receiving cost-share to defray the cost of developing the nutrient management plan and that he will not be eligible for additional compensation from this practice on the acres included in the plan for the life of the plan.
- For this cost share practice, the nutrient management plan must include all eligible acreage of the farm for which the plan is being written.