

# SIDEDRESS APPLICATION OF NITROGEN ON CORN NM-3

## *Important Facts*

### *Cost-share Rate*

*Cost-share payment is 75% of the application charge up to a maximum amount of \$4.00 per acre for the sidedress application. Costs for soil nitrate test sample collection and analysis which may be used to implement this practice will be reimbursed at a flat rate of \$8.00 per sample. Eligibility for this practice is limited to the length of the plan recommending the sidedress practice.*



Sidedress application of nitrogen on corn is a banded application of the major portion of the nitrogen requirement between the rows of corn at a growth stage (15" to 24" tall) when the plant is entering the highest demand for nitrogen. Applying the major portion of the nitrogen requirement for corn at a time when the plant need for nitrogen is greatest minimizes the amount through leaching and run off.

- Farmer must have a current nutrient management plan that specifies sidedressing corn as an acceptable practice for the application of nitrogen to the crop.
- The total number of corn acres specified by the nutrient management plan to be sidedressed will determine the maximum acres to qualify.
- Checks to insure compliance with this practice may be conducted by the SWCD or appropriate agency personnel.
- Farmer must sign-up prior to April 1 and provide a written verification (such as a work order or bill) to the district within two weeks of the sidedress application.
- Fields enrolled in the NM-3B practice are not eligible for this practice.
- Collection of soil nitrate samples should be done by the plan developer, an employee of the plan developer, or the farmer.