AG NM DIRECT PAY NEWSLETTER



DIRECT PAY PLANNERS

Thank you for participating in the Agriculture Nutrient Management Direct Pay Program (Ag NMDP)!

Since this programs inception in 2019 the DCR has, through your efforts, been able to cover over 300,000 acres of farmland in nutrient management planning. Each year the Ag NMDP continues to grow and offer more farmers easier access to nutrient management planning.

WEBSITE FOR DIRECT PAY!

Information regarding the Agriculture Nutrient Management Direct Pay Program (Ag NMDP) can now be found online! By clicking this link, https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/nmdirectpay, you can find information on: eligibility for program enrollment, plan requirements, pay rates, required forms, and contact information for DCR employees regarding program questions.

In addition to the information already on the website the DCR would like to post a list of planners, with their contact information, for hire in Ag NMDP. Please contact the <u>vanmplnr@dcr.virginia.gov</u> email with a yes or no response to being listed for hire on the website by **Friday**, **September 15**, **2023**.

Questions? Contact us at <u>vanmplnr@dcr.virginia.gov</u>!

UPDATE TO PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING FARMER CONSENT FORMS AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS

With the increase in Farmer Consent Forms (FCFs) and Nutrient Management Plans (NMPs) submissions comes an increase on workload for the DCR. Due to the uptick of submissions, we ask that you submit: no more the **15** FCFs in <u>one (1)</u>

work week (Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm) and no more than **5 NMPs** in <u>one work week</u>. If you submit more than **15 FCFs** or **5 NMPs** in that timeframe they will be returned, and you will need to resubmit them.

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN SUBMISSION FORMATTING

For submission of <u>all</u> NMPs the following <u>must</u> be included: **signed cover sheet**, **narrative**, **field maps (year 1)**, **balance sheets**, **field productivity**, **and soil test summary**. If you are submitting <u>a plan that has manure</u> <u>applications</u> include the following additional reports: **spreading summary**, **manure production**, **and farm summary report if using the P-Index**.

<u>Plans submitted electronically must be in one word/pdf file.</u> A separate file can be used for maps. You may include a NutMan 3.0 software file if you think it is helpful to the plan review, but that file should be in addition to the above-mentioned pdfs. Any plans submitted not in the above format will be returned and will need to be resubmitted.

VERIFICATION REMINDER!

Each plan submitted to Direct Pay will need to be verified during year two (2) or year three (3) of the plan lifespan. Current verification forms can be found on the website at <u>https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/form/DCR199-244.pdf</u>.