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Nutrient Management Plans: How long are they good for?

Under the ACT 38 Nutrient Management Program, Nutrient Management Plans (NMPs) cover three crop years. A crop year begins October first of the previous year. For example, a plan written for Crop Years 2018 – 2020 would be valid October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2020. NMPs utilize the most current soil and manure analyses. Under the program, soil tests should be taken every three years, and a manure analysis should be taken each year for each manure group.

If you have an old Nutrient Management Plan and are *not* a Concentrated Animal Operation (CAO) or a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO), please contact the district to either amend your expired plan or obtain a Manure Management Plan (required of all operations that have animals or land apply manure) for your operation. CAOs and CAFOs should contact their nutrient management specialist to amend their NMPs every 3 years.

In addition, if changes to your operation occur (for example, an increase or decrease in animal numbers, adding land, etc.) be sure to get your Manure Management Plan or Nutrient Management Plan amended to reflect these changes.



Improving Soil Health with Cover Crops & Planting Green Field Day

When

Thursday, June 22, 2017
9:30am – 2:00pm

Where

Myers Farm, 3790 Penns Valley Rd. (Rt. 45),
Spring Mills, PA 16875

Please join Joel and Don Myers along with a team of Penn State research and extension personnel for an update on several promising technologies that can improve soil quality and crop productivity.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Cost is \$10.00 to attend. Registration required by June 19, 2017.

To register, visit <http://extension.psu.edu/soil-health> or call (877) 489 – 1398. For questions contact Ron Hoover at rjh7@psu.edu or call (814) 777 – 4785.

Agronomic Weed Tour



When

Tuesday, July 11, 2017
8:30am – 1:30pm

Where

Agronomy Research Farm at Rock Springs
1796 W. Pine Grove Rd. Gate D
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865

This event is hosted by the Penn State Extension. A number of weed control experiments will be showcased and available for viewing including the latest herbicide technology for corn and soybean, as well as several cover crop trials. The morning will conclude with a networking lunch.

Pest Management CCA CEU's and Pesticide Recertification Credits will be available.

Cost is \$20.00 to attend.

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 7, 2017

To register, contact Extension Registration Support at 1-877-489-1398 or visit extension.psu.edu

Ag Progress Days



August 15th – 17th, 2017

Tuesday (15th): 9am-5pm
Wednesday (16th): 9am-8pm
Thursday (17th): 9am-4pm

At the Russell Larson Research & Education Center, 2710 West Pine Grove Road, Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865 (9 miles Southwest of State College, PA).

Sponsored by Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, Ag Progress Days features the following:

Demonstrations

- Field machinery and crops
- Horse training and health
- Home and farm safety

- Gardening and beekeeping
- Cooking and nutrition
- Grazing and pasture management

Educational Presentations and Tours

- Dairy, livestock, poultry, and equine
- Field and forage
- Energy and environmental resources
- Horticulture and landscaping
- Forest stewardship and wildlife management
- Soybean and crop management

Interactive Events and Activities

- Pasto Agricultural Museum and silent auction
- 4-H program opportunities
- Health screenings and safety
- Healthy meals and cooking demonstrations
- FFA activities

Youth and Family Fun

- Friendly bugs, butterflies, bunnies, and wildlife
- A-Maze-N Corn
- Pedal Go-Kart Derby
- Kids' Tree Climb

Admission and parking are free. Visit <http://agsci.psu.edu/apd> for more information.



DCNR Bureau of Forestry Free Services

The Bureau of Forestry's mission is to ensure the long-term health, viability and productivity of the Commonwealth's forests and to conserve native wild plants.

Private landowners hold more than 70 percent of Pennsylvania's forests and woodlots. As one of those owners, wisely managing your woods can provide you with many benefits such as income, recreation, or others goals you may have. Wise management is also important to

conserving the state's natural resources and ensuring healthy, vibrant forests into the future.

Under the Cooperative Forest Management Program, a Service Forester is available to assist you in the understanding and planning the care of your woodland. This service is to help you gain the maximum in benefits and enjoyment from your forest resource.

Service Foresters work for the Bureau of Forestry and provide private landowners with advice and guidance on how to manage their forested lands. Services are free of charge.

Technical Services provided by Bureau of Forestry Service Foresters:

- ✓ Sustainable forest mgmt. practices
- ✓ Forest management planning
- ✓ Forest ownership goals and values
- ✓ Advice on forestry & water best management practices.
- ✓ Forest stand improvement
- ✓ Disease, insect, invasive species control
- ✓ Timber thinning
- ✓ Harvesting your forest
- ✓ Forest regeneration
- ✓ Wildlife habitat improvement
- ✓ Tree planting
- ✓ Riparian and stream buffer plantings
- ✓ Conferences on forest topics

If you'd like to receive any of the above services, contact John Brundege, DCNR-Bureau of Forestry, at (814) 849 – 7463 or jbrundege@pa.gov



July 16 – 22, 2017 is the Jefferson County Fair in Brookville. Come join the fun and festivities. Be sure to stop by the Jefferson Conservation District’s booth!

Sunday, July 16 – Open Ceremonies; Royalty Pageant; Mini & Full Horse Pulls

Monday, July 17 – ATV “Racing” Extravaganza

Tuesday, July 18 – 4x4 Gas/Diesel Trucks & Hot Tractor Pull

Wednesday, July 19 – Street Licensed Truck Pulls and Super Farm Tractors

Thursday, July 20 – Car & Truck Mud Bog

Friday, July 21 – Rawhide Professional Rodeo

Saturday, July 22 – Figure 8 race, Power Wheels Demo Derby, Demo Derby

Check out www.jeffcofair.com for all the details.

Farm Plan Writing Services

The conservation district is available to develop farm plans that help you protect and manage the natural resources on your farm, and meet state regulatory requirements. A brief description of each plan Megan Whitlatch can develop for you is listed below.

Manure Management Plans: Required of all operations that have animals and/or land apply manure.

Nutrient Management Plans: A more detailed version of a Manure Management Plan. While these plans are required for Concentrated Animal Operations and Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, the district is only permitted to write them for non CAOs & CAFOS that would like a more detailed plan. The home farm must be in Jefferson County.

Agriculture Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plans: These plans address soil management on the farm. Required of all operations that have animal concentrations areas over 5,000 square feet or plow/till their land.

Conservation Plans: Plans may substitute for an Ag E&S plan as long as they meet state requirements. Megan recently received certification to write these plans. Conservation Plans can enable you to become eligible for USDA farm programs.

Jefferson Conservation District Who Are We?

The Jefferson County Conservation District (JCCD) has been dedicated for over 70 years to ensuring a host of responsible land and water use elements. The team at JCCD assists numerous private land owners, business and developers daily with guidance and compliance matters.

The staff at JCCD is comprised of District Manager Deb Wilson, Asst. District Manager Shaun Wessell, Administrative Asst. Melissa Buck, Nutrient Management Specialist / ACT Megan Whitlatch, Resource Technician Carl Johnson and Watershed Specialist Grace Pesselato. JCCD will also soon be hiring an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Technician.

JCCD also works closely with the Jefferson County Sewage Association and Greater Jefferson Area Council of Governments, as well as serving as the stormwater management agency for many local municipalities in Jefferson County.

More information about the programs with which JCCD is involved, including educational presentations, can be found on their website at www.jeffersonconservation.com.

