



Manure Transport

Poultry and livestock producers transport excess manure off their farms as part of an animal waste management system and nutrient management plan.

Description

Poultry, dairy, beef or other animal producers with high soil phosphorus levels or inadequate cropland to use manure in accordance with a nutrient management plan transport the excess waste to other farms or alternative use facilities that can use the product safely.

Benefits

- Protects water quality.
- Reduces odors.

Planning

- Is a storage structure available to protect stockpiled manure from the elements until transport?
- Does the receiving farm have a safe off-loading site that does not pose an undue risk to water quality?
- Has the manure been analyzed to determine nitrogen and phosphorus levels before transporting?
- Does the receiving farm have a nutrient management plan?
- Is the appropriate equipment available to transport the manure?

Tech Notes

- Biosecurity measures must be followed for all transported manure.
- Do not transport or offer for transport poultry litter containing dead birds that are not completely composted.
- Schedule transport of manure to be compatible with weather conditions, use by the receiving facility and in accordance with a nutrient management plan.

Maintenance

- Make certain equipment is in good working order.
- Promptly clean up manure that is spilled during loading and unloading.
- Cover all loads during transportation when traveling on public roads.
- Cover all truck-mounted or tractor-drawn spreaders when moving manure between farms on public roads.
- Clean, wash and disinfect all transporting and handling equipment prior to operating at a different poultry or livestock operation.