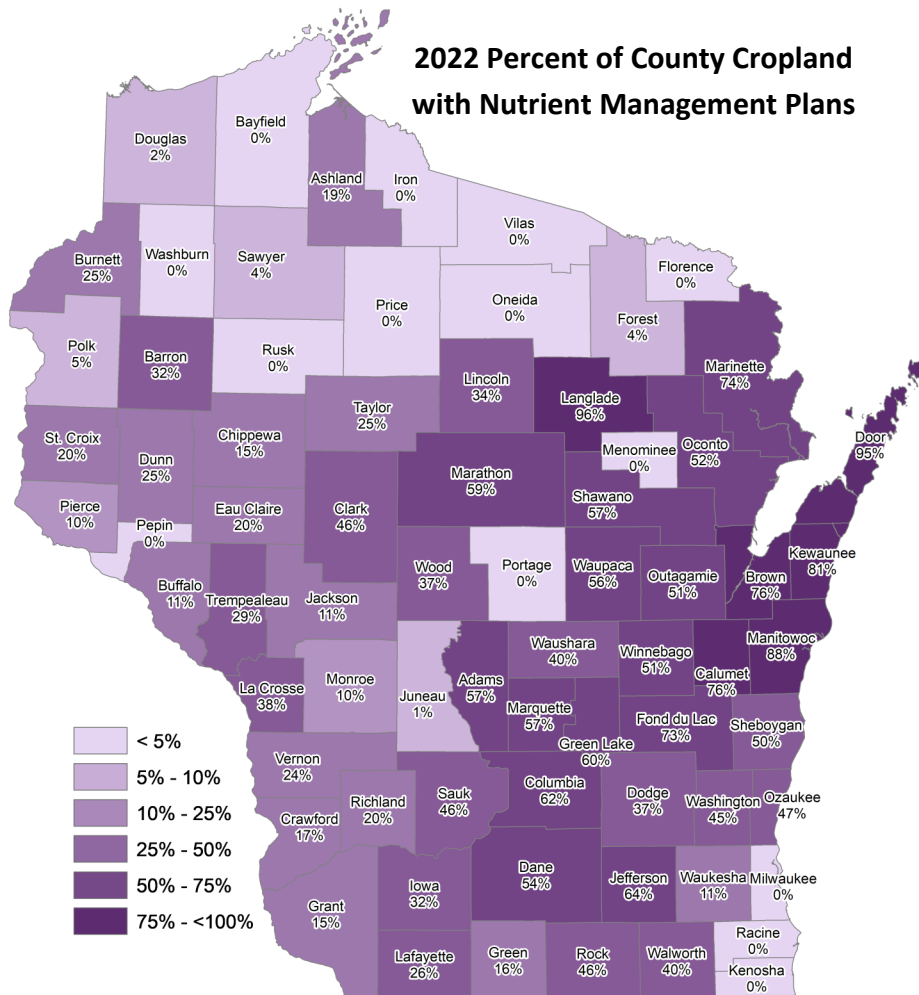




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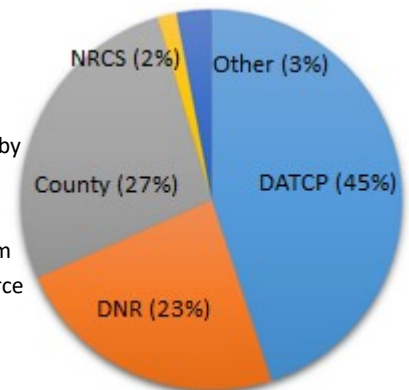
In 2022, the Nutrient Management Program continued to promote sustainable farming practice and environmental stewardship throughout the state. This year, producers, landowners, and planning professionals submitted nutrient management plans to county land conservation departments. These plans help ensure that nutrient applications are optimized for crop uptake and minimize nutrient losses to the environment.

As a result of these efforts, counties reported that 3.45 million acres, or 37.3% of the state’s harvestable cropland, were covered by a NMP. This represents a 2.3% increase over 2021 and highlights the continued commitment of farmers and stakeholders to promote and implement nutrient management.

**Figure 1:** Harvested cropland acres used to calculate percentages are derived from National Agricultural Statistics Service 2017 Census of Agriculture, which reported 9,234,611 harvested cropland acres

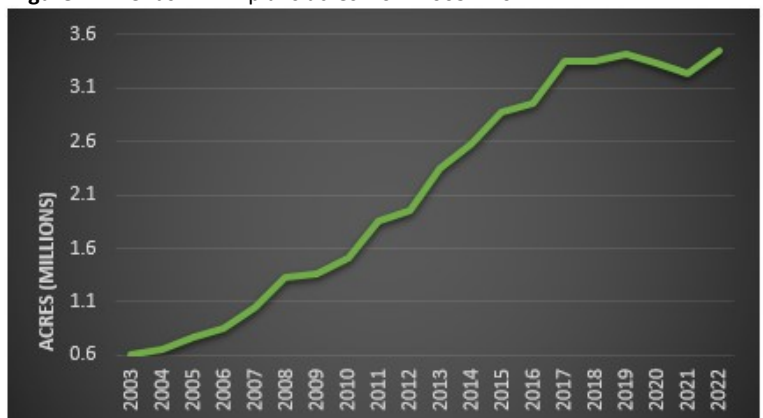
**Figure 2:** Summary of NM plan metrics derived from information reported to DATCP by the counties in 2021 and 2022.

**Figure 3:** The 2022 distribution of NM plans by source submitted to the county. The Farmland Preservation (FP) Program remains the primary source of NM plans in the state.



NMP Numbers	2021	2022
NM Plans reported by WI counties	7,238	7,599
Statewide Acres	3.2 mil	3.45 mil
Percent of WI cropland covered by a plan	35.0%	37.3%
Farmer-written plans	1,663	1,708
Average acres per Farmer written plan	304	330

**Figure 4:** Trends in NM plans acres from 2003—2022





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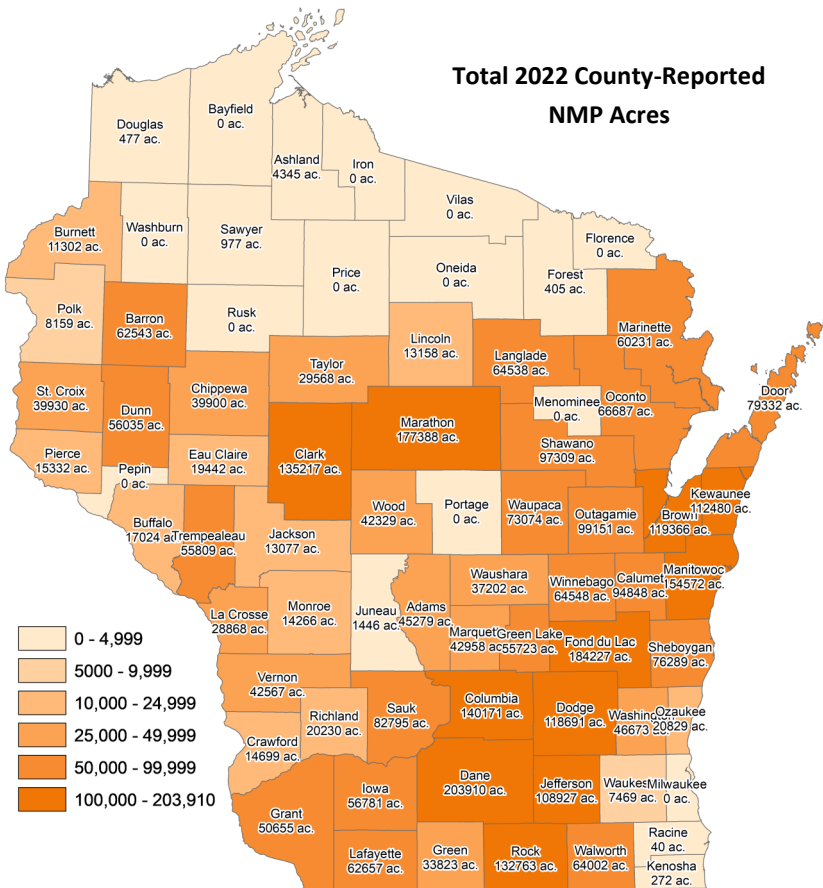


Figure 5: NM plan acres derived from information reported to DATCP by county land conservation offices in 2022.

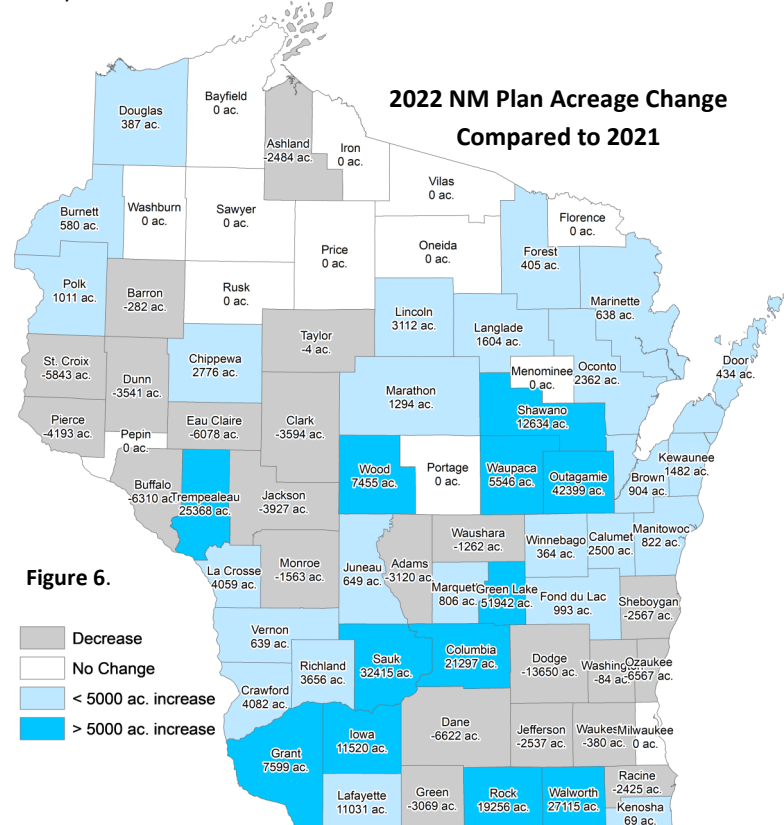


Figure 6.

## NMP Compliance Review Considerations

What is a compliant nutrient management plan? Simply put, it means that the plan meets the requirements outlined in ATP50.04(3) and the NRCS 590 standard. However, it's important to note that having a compliant plan doesn't necessarily mean it's perfect or error-free. Changes may be necessary and can and should be documented in the plan. The goal is to ensure that resources are used effectively and potential issues are addressed.

Here are some steps to take when you've come across a plan that doesn't meet the mark:

1. Identify issues within the plan by conducting a thorough review. Some follow-up may be necessary.
2. Contact the operator and plan writer to discuss and explain the issues. Sometimes it may be fixed over a simple phone call.
3. Develop a plan and timeline to correct the issues, including practices and resources needed to ensure compliance.
5. Follow up regularly to ensure that corrective measures are being taken within the timeline specified in the plan.
6. If there is failure to correct issues within the specified timeline, consider why that may be and take the appropriate enforcement actions if necessary.
7. Provide education and outreach to the operator and plan writer to prevent similar noncompliance issues from occurring in the future.

## Funding Resources Available

[Click here to find out more about Nutrient Management Related Financial Support Opportunities and Programs and below for other related resources.](#)

- [SWRM Cost-Share Grants](#)
- [NMFE Grants](#)
- [Farmland Preservation](#)

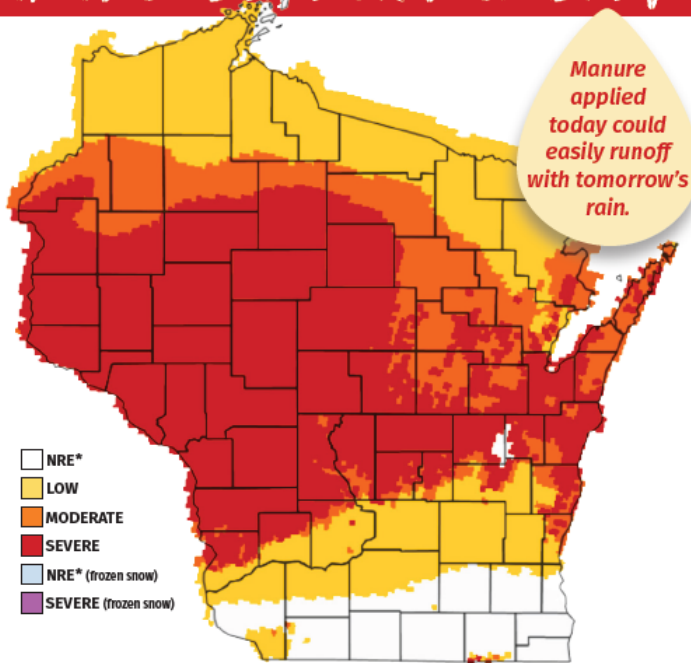


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### Helpful Links

- [DATCP Nutrient Management Trainings](#)
- [Self-Paced Online Nutrient Management Course](#)
- [Conservation Compliance Homepage](#)
- [Runoff Risk Advisory Forecast](#)
- [UW Integrated Pest and Crop Mgmt. - YouTube](#)
- [SnapPlus Tutorials - YouTube](#)

### Contact Us

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### DATCP Updates:

- Andrea Topper provided 40 Nutrient Management trainings reaching 715 participants. More to come this year!
- Regional NM Workgroup Meetings are coming back! Be on the lookout for more information and registration coming soon.
  - Wausau—August 28th
  - Oshkosh—August 29th
  - Jefferson—September 6th
  - Darlington—September 7th
- Commonly requested GIS data found in SNAP+ is now available online here:
  - <https://gis-widatcp.opendata.arcgis.com>
- Randy Zogbaum was hired as a Soil and Watershed Health conservation specialist. His primary duties include Producer Led tracking and soil health outreach.
- The administrative rule authorizing the Soil and Water Resource Management Program (ATCP50) is open for revision. For progress, updates, and meetings, click the link or search for: [DATCP Home ATCP 50 Rule Changes \(wi.gov\)](#)

**Quality Assurance Team:** We are always looking for QAT participants for NMP reviews. If you have participated in this process in the past, or would like to in the future, please contact Cody Calkins.

**SnapPlus Updates:** Version 3 development is underway. Check the SnapPlus website for updates and future opportunities to beta test functions as they are released.