

Wrapping Up a Nutrient Management Plan



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COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION

- In SnapPlus run NM2 Compliance Check Report
 - Verify compliance messages, go back and fix any errors.
 - If there are compliance messages, make sure to write an explanation.
- Run NM8 590 Checklist Report
 - Fill out blank sections on the checklist.
 - Go over plan and checklist with farmer, have farmer sign the checklist.
 - Electronic signatures are okay.
- Turn in plan to local land conservation department



HOW TO TURN IN A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Submit a checklist signed by both the farmer and the plan writer.
 - And
- Submit the SnapPlus Version 2 database file
 - Or
- Submit SnapPlus Version 2 reports:
 - NMI-NM8
- Version 3 of SnapPlus plans can be submitted through sharing permissions and then archiving the plan or reports NMI-NM8 can be generated and submitted.



ANNUAL PLAN UPDATES

- Nutrient Management Plans need to be reviewed and updated annually to reflect updated cropping/spreading plans.
- What does a plan update entail?
 - Update the previous cropping year information
 - Update current cropping year information and plan out applications of manure and fertilizer
 - Enter in future year cropping information and plan out applications of manure and fertilizer
 - Important to capture fall manure applications.
- Even if your rotation is planned out 4 years into the future, plans need to be reviewed and updated and submitted to the county LCD, along with the checklist, annually.



WHAT IF THE PLAN IS NONCOMPLIANT???

- A planner's job is to write a plan, identify where there is incompliance, notify the farmer and have a discussion on what options can be implemented to become compliant.
- Whether the farmer heeds your advice and implements your compliant suggestions is up to them.
- It is your job as a planner to update the plan the following year with what actually happened, even if it is red/incompliant.
- Honesty is important!
- Land Conservation Staff will help work with the farmer to identify how they can be brought into compliance.
 - Building relationships with county LCD staff is important
 - Important to include and inform LCD staff about compliance issues.



ROLES OF PARTIES INVOLVED

- Landowner:
 - Provide complete and accurate data and information to planner annually
 - Make sure NMP is submitted to LCD office
 - Maintain compliance-implementing the NMP and working with planner to update and provide updates to the County LCD when necessary.
- Planner:
 - Plan development and submission of plan after reviewing with farmer
 - Guidance and further planning in regard to potential non-compliant issues
- Land Conservation Staff:
 - Compliance Check-review the plan and determine compliance
 - Communication with the farmer- inform landowner of compliance issues or necessary adjustments
 - Conservation Planning-may provide conservation planning services to assist noncompliant issues.



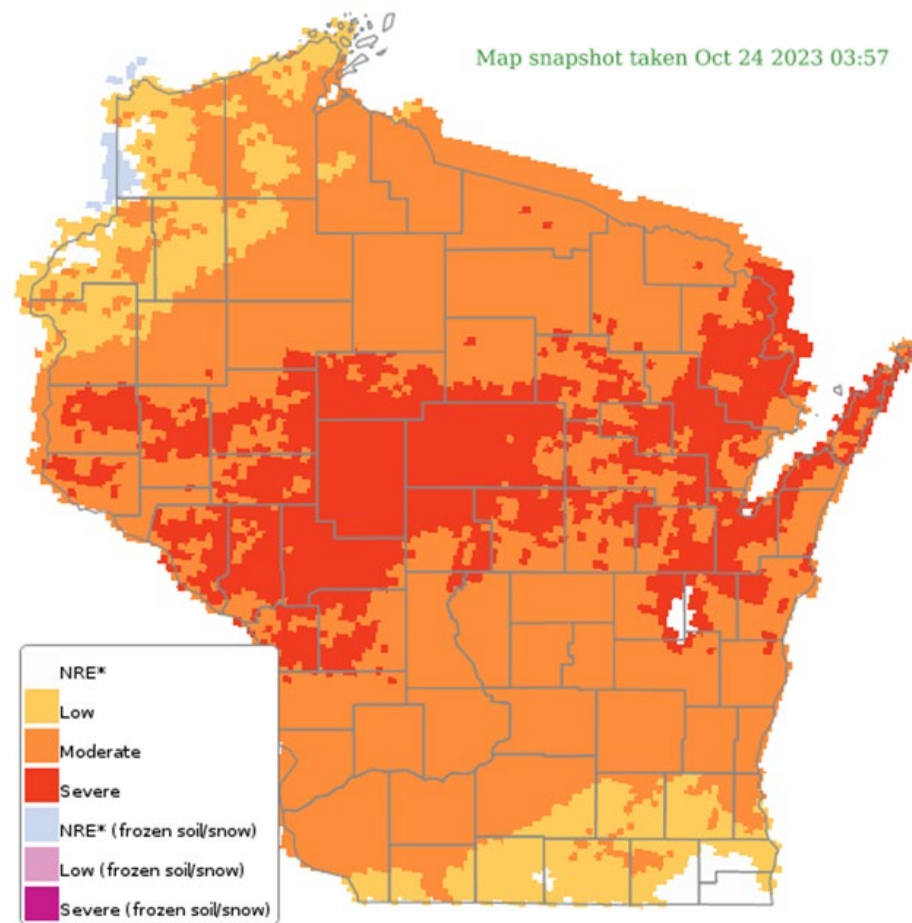
HELPFUL POINTS

- Plans should be completed and submitted to the county LCD office before planting occurs.
- NM5 and FM3 are great reports that the farmer can use in conversations with fertilizer dealer to know what and how much fertilizer to apply.
- Maps- Make maps according to time of year so that data layers are readable
 - Winter Spreading Map vs. Summer/Fall map
 - Provide to farmer and to LCD staff.
- Build a relationship with County LCD staff to know what their expectations are.
 - Plan submission requirements can vary from county to county.
- Keep plans simple/implementable.
 - Use similar spreading rates across the farm (Manure and Fertilizer)
 - “Don’t make it a 1000-piece puzzle”



RUNOFF RISK ADVISORY FORECASTING TOOL

- Tool to help determine risk of a runoff event before you spread.
- If it's RED, DON'T SPREAD
- <http://www.manureadvisorysystem.wisconsin.gov/runoffrisk/index>



RESOURCES

- DATCP NM Training Webpage: [DATCP Home Nutrient Management Trainings](#)
 - Previously recorded trainings
 - Fast Facts Magazine
 - SnapPlus Magazine
 - Nutrient Management Farmer Education Canvas Course
- SnapPlus YouTube Video Playlist
- SnapPlus Website: www.snapplus.wisc.edu



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