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MEMORANDUM

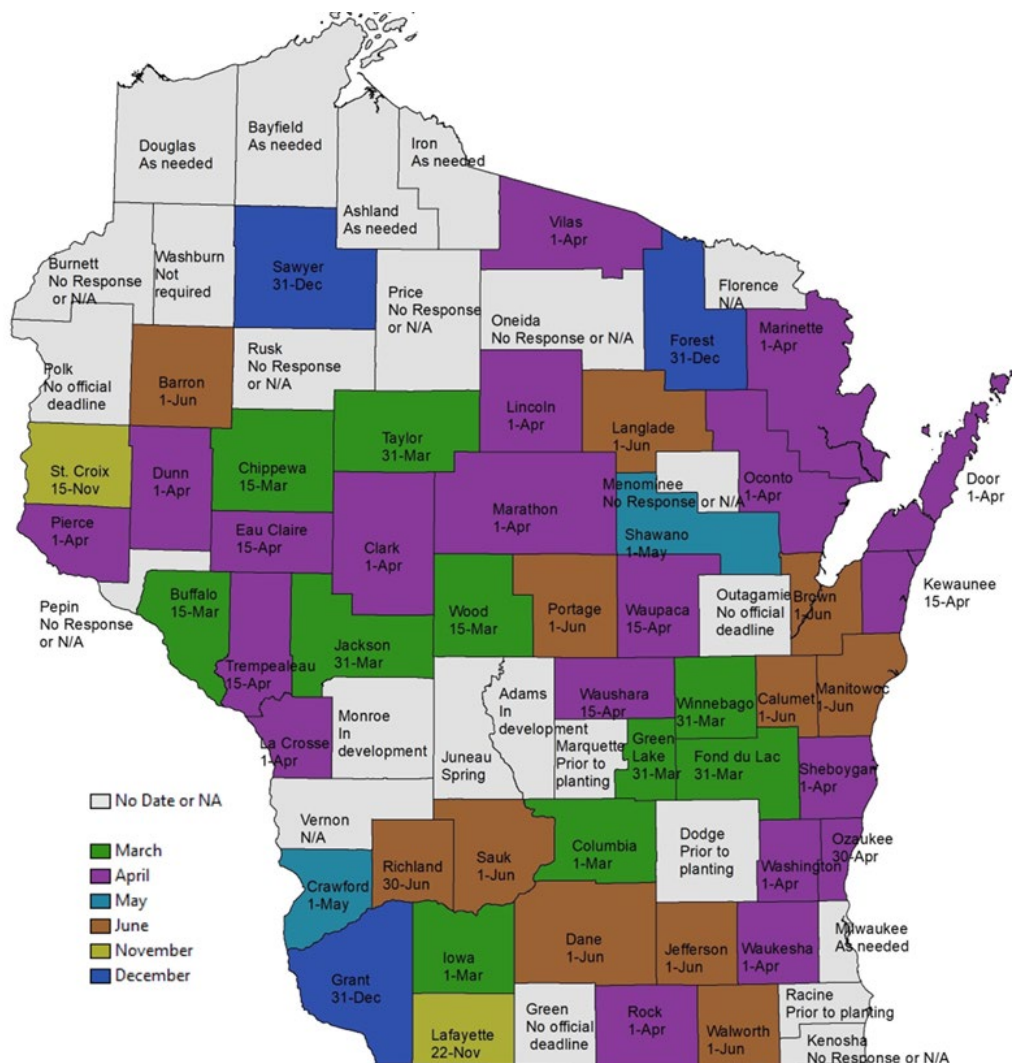
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TO: County Land Conservation Staff

FROM: Andrea Topper, Nutrient Management Outreach Specialist

SUBJECT: Nutrient Management Plan Submission Deadline

Over the past year, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has conducted a statewide survey of counties to better understand current practices for Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) submission deadlines. The results indicated that due dates vary widely from county to county, as shown on map below. This can create challenges for planners when working across county lines, and for DATCP when collecting statewide NMP data.





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To address this, DATCP staff discussed the issue during area association meetings and convened a small group of county staff, agronomists, and nutrient management planners for focused input. Together, this group carefully considered the best timeline for submissions that would balance farmer workload, agronomist/planner capacity, and county needs.

Through these discussions, April 15 was unanimously selected as the recommended annual statewide deadline for NMP submissions.

Please note that DATCP cannot formally require counties to adopt a specific deadline; however, we strongly encourage all counties to utilize April 15 where possible to promote consistency across county lines and provide clarity for planners and landowners.

We also recognize that there may be circumstances where flexibility is appropriate, such as delays in receiving soil sample results or other extenuating factors. We encourage counties to work with planners in these situations to allow reasonable extensions when justified.

Thank you for your continued commitment to supporting farmers, planners, and agronomists in the implementation of nutrient management planning. Consistency in deadlines will improve efficiency across the state while still allowing for local flexibility when needed.

If you have any questions on this or other nutrient management topics, please feel free to reach out to any member of the DATCP Nutrient Management team:

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Sincerely,

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