

## Watershed Agricultural Program Guideline

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#### **NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANNING (Large Farms, Small Farms)**

Prior to initiating design or implementation of structural practices relating to nutrient management or any nutrient or credit incentive programs the following issues must be addressed:

1. A nutrient management plan must be completed to current NRCS 590 Standard. This plan must also consider phosphorous indexing.
2. The Watershed Agricultural Program will conduct soil samples for each field on the farm. Planning will begin after the copy of the soil samples for each field on received by the Watershed Agricultural Program.

#### **Staff Guidelines**

1. All livestock farmers, regardless of the number of animal units, will be informed about the financial, herd health and environmental benefits of balancing feed rations according to NRC recommendations.
2. Phosphorous importation onto the farm should be managed to minimize surplus accumulation. Farms with more than 75 animal units should provide documentation to show that feed rations are balanced to within 125% of the current NRC recommendations.
3. Hire staff to take samples.
4. New samples shall be required for all fields unless they were sampled within the last three years.
5. All samples must be submitted to the Cornell laboratory by the producer or the staff member.