

**Watershed Agricultural Council
Precision Feed Management Specialist
Learned Professional Exempt Employee**

The Precision Feed Management Specialist will conduct Precision Feed planning on dairy and beef farms participating in the New York City Watershed Agricultural Program (NYCWAP). The individual will work one on one with participating farmers to develop Precision Feed Management plans.

Education and Experience Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree with course work strength in dairy and field crop management and one year of relevant experience preferred.
- Must have or acquire New York/Northeast Certified Crop Advisor Certification and maintain Certified Education Units (CEUs) to keep current.
- American Society of Animal Science Professional Animal Scientist certification (or must be willing to obtain).
- Must have a valid and current driver's license.
- Experience obtaining feed samples from farm storage structures.
- Must have strong interpersonal, verbal and written communications skills.
- Must have knowledge of Microsoft operating systems and spreadsheet software.
- American Society USDA-NRCS NY Feed Management Planner certification (or must be willing to obtain).
- Familiarity with the NYS Precision Feed Management Benchmarks.
- Familiarity with NYS Agricultural Environmental Management Program.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Participate in a coordinated team consisting of planners and farm participants to complete and implement Precision Feed Management plans throughout the watershed.
- Operate WAC program initiatives relating to Precision Feed Management
- Prepare Precision Feed Management plans.
- Assist in educating farmers in the development of USDA-NRCS NY approved feed management plans, meeting assigned annual program goals.
- Conduct farm specific feed management planning according to established program guidelines and deliverables for the NYCWAP.
- Conduct feed management benchmarking using the NYS Precision Feed Management benchmarking process.
- Coordinate the review and approval of farm Feed Management plans with USDA-NRCS and Cornell University.
- Interact with program participants, program committee, and county and community leaders to obtain their evaluation of programs.
- Assist in analyzing and evaluating programs and make recommendations for strengthening and improving programs.
- Collect and process diagnostic lab samples.
- Maintain in good condition any equipment associated with the position.
- Provide technical support for the Nutrient Management Sub Committee of WAC.
- All other duties as assigned.
- Works in an interagency team setting to develop comprehensive Precision Feed management plans.

Reporting Relationships:

- Works under the direct supervision of the WAC Nutrient Management/Precision Feed Management Coordinator.

Date

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