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Nutrient Management Information Survey for Poultry Dry Litter Systems

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A nutrient management plan is a road map for your farm on how to manage manure and fertilizer in an efficient and environmentally sound way. The first step in nutrient management planning is to collect the information about your farm needed for the planning process. This guide will help you determine what information and records your nutrient management planner is likely to need to complete a plan for your farm.

This guide is a survey that helps prepare you to work with a nutrient management planner. Do not worry if you do not have all the requested information or cannot answer all the questions in the survey. Your nutrient management planner will work with you to fill in the gaps in the information you provide.

The more of this information you can provide, the more accurately the resulting plan will reflect what is possible and best for your farm. Having more of this information on hand at the start of the planning process also will speed the planning process for your farm.

Helpful information

- Driving directions to your operation from the nearest town or known landmark.
- Plat map showing farm boundaries.
- Aerial or other farm maps showing facilities, field boundaries, waterways, lakes, ponds, wells, dwellings and other important farm features.
- Field-by-field crop management records that include information on past crop yields, and fertilizer and manure application rates.
- Soil test records including the date of the most recent test for each field.
- Manure analyses records.
- A map showing what fields you prefer to use for manure applications and fields that should not be used for manure application.

| Farm Information Survey: Contact information | | | | |
|--|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Operation name: | Operator name: | | | |
| Operation address: | Operator address: | | | |
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| Phone: | Phone: | | | |
| E-mail: | E-mail: | | | |
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Farm Information Survey: Manure production, storage and handling

| Name of operation: | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Building management and m | anure production | | | | | | |
| Bird type Average animal weight ((weight in + weight out)/2) | | | | | | | |
| # of houses # flocks/year | | | | | | | |
| Average # of animals on the fa | rm at any one time | _ | | | | | |
| Do you use a phosphorus reduction strategy such as feeding phytase? | | | | | | | |
| Bedding type (sawdust, rich hu | ılls, other) Amoun | t used tons/year | | | | | |
| Do you apply additives to your litter such as alum? Please explain | | | | | | | |
| Amount of litter removed per | r cleanout | | | | | | |
| | | cy and timing of decaking and partial | | | | | |
| and full cleanouts) | | | | | | | |
| Cake manure | tons/ building/cleanout | Times/year | | | | | |
| Partial cleanout | tons/ building/cleanout | | | | | | |
| Full cleanout | | Times/year | | | | | |
| Do you have a stackhouse? | Capacity | _ | | | | | |
| Do you have litter test? | Date of last litter test | | | | | | |
| Mortality management | | | | | | | |
| Average annual mortality | % | | | | | | |
| Do you use litter for composting | g? If yes how much? _ | tons/ year | | | | | |
| | Bin size | | | | | | |
| How many tons per year of mo | rtality compost do you generate? _ | tons/ year | | | | | |
| If you have other manure stora | ge and treatment facilities, explain | here: | | | | | |
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| Manure/ litter application | | | | | | | |
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| Minimum application rate: | | | | | | | |
| Notes: | | | | | | | |
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Farm Information Survey: Crop rotation

Fill in the following table to provide information for each field in your operation or that is available for manure application. Field names should be used consistently throughout the plan. When providing crop rotation and yield goal information, start with the crop that will be grown in that field during the first year of the plan. Use crop records to help determine realistic yield goals.

| Field name | Acres | Crop rotation (yield goal) | Date of last soil test | Available for manure application | Owned/ rented/ other | Irrigated | Tilled/ No-till |
|------------|-------|---|------------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Example | 100 | Corn (140), Soybean (40), Corn silage (20 t/a), Wheat silage (3 t/a) | Oct. 2003 | Yes | Owned | No | Tilled |
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Farm Information Survey: Fertilization and tillage practices

Fill in the following table to provide information on your fertilizer, manure and tillage practices. List each crop in your rotation.

- For fertilizer and manure applications, provide the source and analysis, if available, and the time you prefer to apply.
- For "placement," use the abbreviations given in the footnote following the table. If you incorporate surface applications, include the average number of days after application it takes you to incorporate.
- Under the tillage heading, provide the type of operation and the timing you prefer, for each tillage pass performed to prepare the field for that crop.

| | Fertilizer | | | Manure | | | Tillage | |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------|
| Crop | Source | Timing | Placement ¹ | Source | Timing | Placement ¹ | Activity | Timing |
| Example: Corn | Anhydrous 82-0-0 | Spring-April | INJ | Layer | Spring-April | SI (1) | Disk | Fall |
| | Starter 32-0-0 | Planting | INJ | | | | Field cultivator | Spring |
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^{1.} SNI = Surface application not incorporated SI = Surface application incorporated; provide the number of days to incorporate INJ = Injected



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