

# When to Update Your Manure Management Plan



## WHEN TO UPDATE THE FORMAT

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The 2024 revisions to Land Application of Manure, a Supplement to Manure Management for Environmental Protection (361-0300-002) introduced new acceptable planning templates to meet regulatory obligations for manure management planning. New Manure Management Plans being developed should adhere to the format that was introduced in the 2024 revisions.

### What's new to the Manure Management Plan Workbook in 2024?

- New Animals Worksheet.
- New Agricultural Process Wastewater Worksheet.
- Pastures must maintain at least 70% perennial vegetative cover when animals are present. If unable to meet that requirement, then that pasture area must be treated as an Animal Concentration Area.
- Clarified “improved stacking pad” definition.
- Manure spreaders are required to be calibrated.
- The Manure Application Rate Tables in Appendix 1 were changed to be Phosphorus removal-based tables.

**New 3-page Manure Management Short Form for applicable operations!**

## WHEN TO UPDATE THE PLAN

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The Land Application of Manure Supplement lists specific criteria in the Preface for when an operator should make an update to their Manure Management Plan. The operator should review their Manure Management Plan once a year to ensure that it still matches the practices on the operation.

### Operators must update the plan when any of these changes are made or expected:

1. A net increase of greater than 10% occurs in AEU's per acre.
2. A change in crop management that results in a reduction of greater than 20% in nitrogen necessary for realistic expected crop yields or the amount the crops will utilize for an individual crop year.
3. If calculations in the plan are in error.
4. If a BMP different than that called for in the approved plan is proposed to address a manure management or stormwater management concern.
5. If, after the first 3 years of implementing the plan, actual yields are less than 80% of the expected crop yields used in the development of the plan.
6. If alternative organic nutrient sources will replace or augment nutrient sources described in the plan.
7. If additional lands are brought into the operation through purchase, lease, or renting.
8. If there is a change in the manure management system that is expected to result in a different nutrient content that requires a change in manure application rates.