

Approval

Each October participants are requested to submit their manure application records for the past 12 months for review. Records should include the number of loads spread on each field and the date applied.

The NMTeam makes an initial review of the records comparing them to the NMP. A Peer Review committee of WAC council members and other watershed farmers conduct a final review of the records submitted and are responsible for final certification. Participants are notified by letter of the Peer Review committee decision and confirming the amount of credit earned.

Rates

Nutrient Management Credit rates are set each year by the Watershed Agricultural Council with consideration of inflation and budget constraints. Rates for 2019 were \$10.00 per acre covered by the most recent NMP plus \$11.36 per animal unit identified in the most recent Annual Status Review.



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The NMTeam Staff is available to answer your nutrient management questions.

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Nutrient Management Credit

What it Is and How it Works



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The purpose of NMCredit is to encourage farms to closely follow their Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) by offering a financial incentive that partially offsets the costs. This incentive encourages farms to follow their NMP, which has a positive impact on soil nutrients and groundwater supply.



Participants agree to implement their NMP by not exceeding recommended manure application rates, and following the application timing guidelines contained in it. They agree to keep records of all manure applications. They also agree to continue to follow

the O&M agreement for all BMPs contained in their Whole Farm Plan. It is also required that someone involved in the management of the farm complete the WAP Nutrient Management Training course.

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Once the farm has been notified confirming the approval of their credit, the farm may request reimbursement for nutrient management related expenses. Reimbursement requests should include an invoice for the expense and proof that the expense has been paid. This reimbursement has to be at least \$300 worth of expenses, (multiple invoices can be submitted to add up to this \$300). For equipment purchases and custom services the participant may request a payment to the vendor in the form of a two-party check, (minimum of \$300 per check written). WAC reimburses the farm

within 30 days for up to the amount of NMCredit earned. Unclaimed credits expire December



31, five years after they are posted. (e.g. credits posted after the 2019 peer review will expire of December 31, 2024). A farm may request a credit extension form which will give them three more additional years to save up for a large purchase. Expenses for eligible equipment that exceed the amount of available credit may be carried over for up to three years and reimbursed with credits earned in those years.

1. Purchase, lease, rent, or repair of the following equipment
 - a. Manure spreaders, or Manure dump wagons
 - b. Manure Pumps
 - c. Barn cleaner equipment e.g. chains, chutes
 - d. Bucket loaders
 - e. Skid steer loaders
 - f. Milk house waste/barnyard runoff transfer pump
 - g. Composting equipment e.g. turners
 - h. No-till planting equipment
2. Custom handling or spreading of manure or compost
3. Expenses related to seed bed preparation and seeding with fall cover crops, including custom services.
4. Milkhouse waste and barnyard runoff settling tank pump out.
5. Lime

