

RESTRICTIONS

for applying fertilizer or manure

DON'Ts



DON'T apply fertilizer or manure if the ground is frozen.

DON'T apply fertilizer or manure if the ground is snow covered.

DON'T apply fertilizer or manure if the top two inches are saturated with precipitation.

DON'T apply **fertilizer** if the weather forecast predicts a greater than 50% chance of precipitation of 1 inch or more in 12 hours.

DON'T apply **manure** if the weather forecast predicts a greater than 50% chance of precipitation of 1/2 inch or more in 24 hours.



GUIDELINES

for applying fertilizer or manure

DOs



If you do the following, you may apply on frozen, snow covered, or saturated ground:

DO inject fertilizer or manure, or:

DO incorporate the fertilizer or manure within 24 hours of application, or:

DO apply fertilizer or manure to growing crops.

DO seek permission if you have an emergency from the Chief of the Division of Soil and Water to apply manure in accordance with the standards in USDA NRCS 590 by using the following contact information:

Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources
Division of Soil and Water Resources
2045 Morse Road | Building B-3
Columbus, Ohio 43229 | (614) 265-6610



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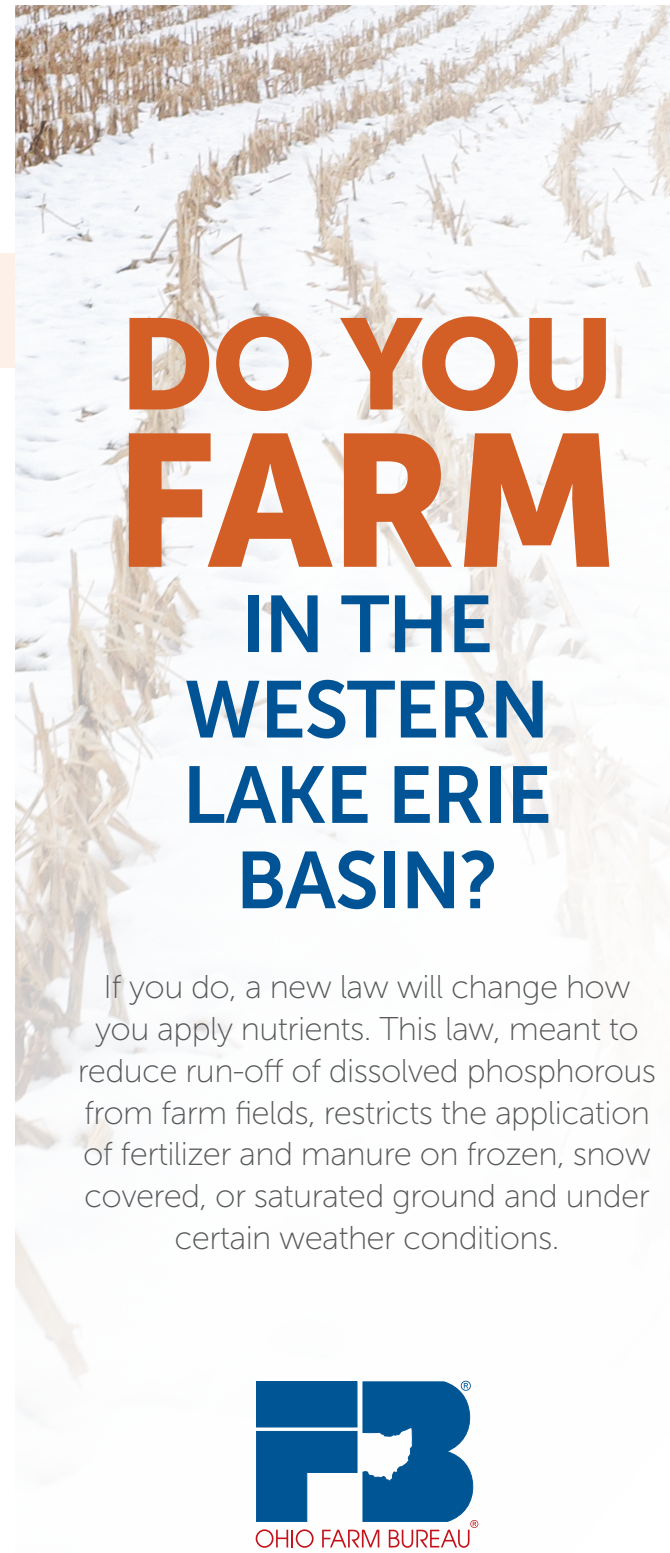


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DO YOU FARM

IN THE WESTERN LAKE ERIE BASIN?

If you do, a new law will change how you apply nutrients. This law, meant to reduce run-off of dissolved phosphorous from farm fields, restricts the application of fertilizer and manure on frozen, snow covered, or saturated ground and under certain weather conditions.



Small sized farms can request an exemption from the restrictions on applying manure on frozen, snow covered, and saturated ground. If granted, this exemption is good until July 3, 2017. This time allows farmers to work on implementing measures to prevent future manure application on frozen, snow-covered or saturated ground.

ARE YOU A SMALL SIZED FARM?

Farms with the following number of animals are considered a "small" farm under Senate Bill 1.

1 to 199
mature dairy cattle,
milked or dry

1 to 8,999 laying hens
or broilers if a liquid
manure handling
system is used

1 to 299
veal calves

1 to 37,499 chickens,
other than laying hens,
if a non-liquid manure
handling system is used

1 to 299
cattle other than
mature dairy cattle or
veal calves

1 to 24,999 laying hens
if a non-liquid manure
handling system is used

1 to 749 swine
that each weigh
55 pounds or more

1 to 2,999 swine
that each weigh less
than 55 pounds

1 to 149
horses

1 to 2,999
sheep or lambs



1 to 16,499
turkeys



16,500 to 54,999
turkeys



If the request is approved, farmers will not receive a violation if manure is applied on frozen, snow-covered or saturated ground during this time period.

Medium sized farms can request an exemption from the restrictions on applying manure on frozen, snow covered, and saturated ground. If granted, this exemption is good until July 3, 2016. This time allows farmers to work on implementing measures to prevent future manure application on frozen, snow-covered or saturated ground.

ARE YOU A MEDIUM SIZED FARM?

If you have the following number of animals, you are considered a "medium" farm under Senate Bill 1.

200 to 699
mature dairy cattle,
milked or dry

9,000 to 29,999
laying hens or broilers if
a liquid manure handling
system is used

300 to 999
veal calves

37,500 to 124,999
chickens, other than laying
hens, if a non-liquid manure
handling system is used

300 to 999 cattle
other than mature dairy
cattle or veal calves

25,000 to 81,999
laying hens if a non-liquid
manure handling
system is used

750 to 2,499 swine
that each weigh 55
pounds or more

3,000 to 9,999 swine
that each weigh less than
55 pounds

150 to 499
horses

3,000 to 9,999
sheep or lambs

EXEMPTION APPLICATION

For Small and Medium Farms

The exemption application will be available at the local soil and water conservation district (SWCD) for the farmer to fill out. It will require certain information be provided by the farmer that includes:

- A statement that the farmer understands the restrictions on application of nutrients on frozen, snow-covered or saturated ground and the exceptions.
- A statement that the farmer understands that the procedures established in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Practice Standard Code 590, prepared for Ohio, must be followed. If there are conflicts between the 590 application standards and the nutrient application restriction on frozen, snow-covered or saturated ground in SB 1, the 590 standards in conflict do not apply.
- A place for the farmer to explain the reasons the exemption is necessary.
- A place on the form that provides information on programs that may assist the farmer with methods to comply with the restrictions.
- A place on the form for the farmer to request technical assistance or information from the chief or the SWCD that will assist the farmer with compliance on applying nutrients on frozen, snow-covered or saturated ground.

Western Lake Erie Basin

