What Type of Plan Do You Need For Your Farm?

Are You A CAFO?
Farms with more than:
- 700 cows, 2,500 hogs, 500 horses, 82,000 layers, 125,000 broilers, etc.; or
- 1,000,000 lbs of live weight of animals (combined animals), or
- More than 300,000 lbs of animals and a CAO (see below for CAO)
See the “IS MY OPERATION A CAFO” handout for more detail in determining CAFO.

Develop:
- Approved Nutrient Mgmt. Plan
- CAFO permit

Are You A CAO?
Farms with more than 2,000 lbs of animals per acre available for manure application, such as:
- Farms with more than 137 cows per 100 acres of cropland
- Farms with more than 1,212 hogs per 100 acres of cropland
- Farms with more than 63,500 chickens per 100 acres of cropland

Develop:
- Approved Nutrient Mgmt. Plan

Do you land apply manure or agricultural process wastewater, regardless of amount or method of application?

Develop:
- Manure Management Plan

No Nutrient/Manure Management Plan required for your farm

1Nutrient Management Plan: written by a certified nutrient management specialist to meet Nutrient Management Act 38 standards and approved by the county Conservation District.

2Manure Management Plan: do not need to be written by a certified specialist (farmer can develop the plan themselves according to Manure Management Manual standards) and no submission or approval is required.

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