



Nutrient Management Fact Sheet: Connecticut

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Nutrient Management Plans

Topic	Summary
Coverage	CAFOs seeking coverage under an NPDES permit must implement a CNMP. Additional details must be obtained by contacting CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection .
Content	A CNMP must include: ¹ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adequate storage and procedures for operation and maintenance of all storage components. - Mortalities management in accordance with CT NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 316. - Diversion of clean water from production areas. - Prevent direct contact of confined animals with waters of the State - Establish and maintain records. - Install depth markers in lagoons. - Land application of manure, agricultural wastewaters and digestate in accordance with best management practices, including CT NRCS Conservation Practice Standards 590 and 633.
Frequency of Updates	Updates are needed any time there are significant changes to the operation (such as animal numbers or new facilities). NRCS recommends updating at least every five years to ensure the plan is current with standards and regulatory requirements.
Paperwork	Annual reports must be filed under the NPDES permit through the NetDMR website. Information on public notice of permit application can be found here .
Planner Qualifications	Producers may develop a CNMP on their own, as long as it meets the requirements of EPA regulations. Choosing a TSP may be a quicker way for a producer to obtain a CNMP.

Manure Storage and Application

Topic	Summary
Overview	Connecticut's Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act may require additional permits for certain on-farm activities. Additional information can be found here .
Application	Spreading Land application setback shall be outlined in the CNMP. Testing



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Manure testing shall be outlined in the CNMP and soil testing shall be a minimum of once every 3 years.

Technical Assistance

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Software Tools	Manure Management Planner (MMP) is a software tool created by Purdue University that includes state-specific information for Connecticut producers to create manure management plans for crop and animal feeding operations.
Guides / Handbooks	CT NRCS nutrient management 590 standard .

Financial Assistance

Summary

The [Infrastructure Investment Grant](#) will support farmers in production for a minimum of three years with infrastructure to expand the farm's production and operation.

The [Farmland Restoration Program](#) focuses on restoring and improving farmland under a Farmland Restoration Program Plan (FLRP Plan), including restoration of water runoff and drainage of crop fields and renovation of farm ponds. Farmers can request reimbursements up to \$20,000.

CT NRCS provides assistance through:

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program ([EQIP](#)) - offers financial cost-share assistance to farmers for the adoption of conservation practices and development of nutrient management plans.
- Conservation Stewardship Program ([CSP](#)), which gives producers financial assistance to implement new conservation management practices and enhancements.

¹ Information based on draft permit: [Public Notice: \(Draft Permit\) Fort Hill Farms, LLC, Thompson, CT, CT0030800 | EPA in Connecticut | US EPA](#)