

Agriculture Projects and Ag. Regulations

Municipal Roundtable



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Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP) Allocations

- FY 2025/2026 ACAP Westmoreland: \$563,631.00
 - **FY 25/26 ACAP Project Funds: \$450,904.80**

- 19 ACAP applications have been funded.
 - 11 contracts are completed or in construction nearing completion.

- **This spring we will be accepting applications for a new round of funding!**



Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gr613noOBZA>

T. Frescura Grazing System Project

- **Location:** Unity Township
- **Date of Installation:** Fall 2025
- **Cost:** \$125,294 of Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program funds
- \$24,810 of Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds
- \$17,300 of match contributions
- **Total project cost of \$167,404**

Before

2025/06/20

T. Frescura Grazing System Project - Before Video



Video Credit: Todd Frescura

T. Frescura Grazing System Project



During
Construction



T. Frescura Grazing System Project



After

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T. Frescura Grazing System Project



After

T. Frescura Grazing System Project Walkway in Action - Video

After



J. Hoke Roofed Animal Heavy Use Area Project – Phase 1



Before

- **Location:** Mount Pleasant Township
- **Date of Installation:** Fall 2025 – January 2026
- **Cost:** \$671,683 of Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program funds,
- \$59,200 of ACAP Technical Assistance funds
- Landowner in-kind match contributions within phase 2

J. Hoke Roofed Animal Heavy Use Area Project – Phase 1



During
Construction

10.15.2025

J. Hoke Roofed Animal Heavy Use Area Project – Phase 1

During
Construction



J. Hoke Roofed Animal Heavy Use Area Project – Phase 1

During
Construction



J. Hoke Roofed Animal Heavy Use Area Project – Phase 1



During
Construction

J. Hoke Roofed Animal Heavy Use Area Project – Phase 1 Video

During
Construction



J. Hoke Roofed Animal Heavy Use Area Project – Phase 1



After

Phase 2 will consist of spring developments with watering troughs, streambank fencing, paddock fencing, streambank stabilization, & silage leachate collection

WCD Cover Crop Initiative funded by ACAP



- 5 Cover Crop Contracts
- 173.7 Acres Planted
- ACAP Funds Spent: \$6,149.50

2026 Construction Projects

J. Hoke Mount Pleasant Township (Phase 2)	\$128,316.92	Streambank fencing, spring developments, water troughs, paddock fencing, stream stabilization, silage leachate collection
W. Smail Salem Township	\$125,000.00	Paddock fencing, watering facilities, animal walkways, conveyor belt diversions
G. Wehrle Washington Township	\$53,000.00	Horse manure storage/composting facility, access road, animal walkway, gutters & downspouts, and underground outlets
B. Stas Unity Township	\$200,000.00	Diversions, grassed waterway, culvert replacement, riprap aprons
T. Frye Unity Township	\$200,000.00	Concrete manure storage with manure transfer line, NRCS collaboration
D. Greenawalt Sewickley Township	\$321,429.00	2 roofed animal heavy use areas with manure storage, NRCS collaboration
M. Kepple Salem Township	\$178,087.00	Concrete and gravel access stabilization, animal walkway, vegetated filter strip, 4-strand electric fencing, 2-strand electric fencing, spring developments with watering troughs, riparian forest buffer

Manure Management Plan Updates

- Manure Management Plan (MMP) Short Form (3 pages)
- If you can answer the information within the form with a “yes” or “N/A”, then no need for the full Manure Management Plan
- MMP are needed for backyard chicken owners, hobby farmers, horse owners, & livestock farmers



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Short Form
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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BUREAU OF WATERSHED RESTORATION AND
NONPOINT SOURCE MANAGEMENT

MANURE MANAGEMENT PLAN SHORT FORM

The Manure Management Plan Short Form (Short Form) includes general operational information and a series of Yes, No, or Not Applicable (NA) questions. Review each question carefully and answer based on the current and continued planned management of any manure that is generated or applied under your management control.

If you answer “Yes” or “NA” to all of the questions found in the Manure Management Information section of this Short Form, no additional documentation is necessary unless it is requested by DEP or a delegated county conservation district.

If you cannot answer “YES” or “NA” to all of items in the Manure Management Information section, you must meet the requirements described in 25 Pa. Code § 91.36(b) in another way. If properly completed, the Manure Management Plan Workbook in Land Application of Manure; Manure Management Plan Guidance (361-0300-002) would meet the regulatory requirements.

DEP reserves the right to require an alternate method of meeting the regulations including the completion of the Manure Management Plan Workbook and site specific BMPs to address any identified water quality issues.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Operator: _____

Name of Landowner(s): _____

Operation Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Operator Phone number (Home/Barn): _____

(Cell): _____

Operator Email Address: _____

Date of Development: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

a. Total acres of land receiving manure (pasture, garden, crop): _____ Acres

b. Animal Information:

Animal Type	Animal Number	Animal Weight / AU (Per Agronomy Facts 54)	Days Per Year
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Manure Management Plan Updated Animal Worksheet

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Workbook

MANURE MANAGEMENT PLAN WORKBOOK

ANIMALS WORKSHEET

Use Additional Sheets as Necessary
(See Workbook Instructions on Page 4)

1. Animal Unit and Animal Equivalent Unit Calculation:

Animal Type (a)	Animal # (normal production day) (b)		Average Weight (lb.) (c)		1,000	=	Animal Unit (AU) (d)		Days on operation per year (e)		365	=	Animal Equivalent Unit (AEU) (f)
		x		÷	1,000	=		x		÷	365	=	
		x		÷	1,000	=		x		÷	365	=	
		x		÷	1,000	=		x		÷	365	=	
		x		÷	1,000	=		x		÷	365	=	
		x		÷	1,000	=		x		÷	365	=	
Total													

Refer to page 14 and *Agronomy Facts 54, Pennsylvania's Nutrient Management Act (Act 38): Who is Affected?* found in Appendix 2 when completing the Animals Worksheet.

If the operation maintains greater than 2.00 AEU/acre and eight or more total AEU's according to Calculation 2, the operation is regulated under Pennsylvania's Nutrient Management Act (Act 38), and the operator should consult with a certified nutrient management specialist before proceeding with the remainder of the Manure Management Plan.

2. AEU/Acre Calculation:

Total AEU's (1f) =	_____
Total acres available for manure (Operation Information Page, Letter d) =	_____
Total AEU's ÷ Total Acres available for manure = AEU's/Acre	
_____ AEU's ÷ _____ Acres =	_____ AEU/Acre

Ag Erosion & Sediment Control Plans

PART 3 – AGRICULTURAL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN
AGRICULTURAL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN (AG E&S PLAN)
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS REVIEW GUIDE

Operation Name			
Location Address			
<p>A written Ag E&S Plan is required for agricultural plowing and tilling activities (including no-till practices) and Animal Heavy Use Areas (AHUAs) that each disturb land totaling 5,000 square feet or more. The items listed below are required by 25 Pa. Code § 102.4(a) for a complete Ag E&S Plan, except for #1 and #2. Place a checkmark in the proper box to denote if that item is incorporated. Any "No" items for #3 – #9 are deficiencies that should be addressed with the operator/landowner.</p>			
1.	Contact information for operator, landowner, and plan preparer (as applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
2.	Date of plan development or update	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
3.	Operation information, including:	• Acreage (for both owned and rented lands)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		• Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		• Crop rotations	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
		• Tillage and planting methods	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
		• Soil information	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.	Map(s) for both owned and rented lands, including:	• Surface waters of this Commonwealth	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
		• Drainage patterns (topography)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		• Field and property boundaries	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		• Buildings and farm structures	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		• AHUAs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
		• Roads and crossroads	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		• Structural Best Management Practices (BMPs), existing and proposed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
		• Soil types and boundaries (if not provided elsewhere)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
5.	Plowing and tilling activities (cropland, hayland, and pastures):	• Documentation that the soil loss will be limited to the soil loss tolerance (T) over the planned crop rotations	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
		• BMPs with descriptions, acceptable implementation schedules, and Operation & Maintenance (O&M) criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
6.	Plowing and tilling activities on fields < 25% plant or crop residue cover & within 100' of a river or stream (perennial or intermittent):	• Additional BMPs, including descriptions, acceptable implementation schedules, and O&M criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
7.	AHUAs:	• Descriptions of the AHUAs (type, size, location, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
		• BMPs with descriptions, acceptable implementation schedules, and O&M criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
8.	Plan is consistent with the operation's current Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) or Manure Management Plan (MMP); see Note below	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
9.	Plan is consistent with both existing and proposed conditions and activities on the operation, including surface waters, drainage patterns, and field boundaries	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Note: The Ag E&S Plan generally works together with the NMP or MMP required for operations that land apply manure and agricultural process wastewater. Certain sections of the Ag E&S Plan (e.g., maps) and MMP may be used, as applicable, to satisfy the requirements of both plans.

- Helps to address erosion concerns on agricultural operations
- Required for farmers that plant crops or have livestock with 5,000 square feet or more of disturbed land
- Conservation plans can sometimes meet regulatory requirements

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