

# 1. Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan Development & Implementation



## Purpose

1. To encourage agricultural producers to develop and submit a four-year voluntary nutrient management plan to the local SWCD Board of Supervisors for approval
2. To increase producer collection and use of soil test results to develop nutrient recommendations
3. To properly utilize commercial fertilizer, manure and/or organic by-products as a plant nutrient source or soil amendment
4. To reduce agricultural nonpoint source pollution of surface water and groundwater resources

## Applicability

Applies to cropland acres in the 14-county project area. Acres receiving payment under any other county, state or federal program (CSP, EQIP, etc.), are not eligible.

## Specifications

1. Voluntary Nutrient Management Plans (VNMP) developed through this program must meet the minimum requirements set forth in ORC 905.31(DD)
2. VNMP may be developed by a 4R Certified Ag Retailer, Certified Crop Advisor (CCA), Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), or producer
3. Plans must be reviewed and approved by the local SWCD Board of Supervisors or director's designee
4. Producers utilizing a 4R Certified Ag Retailer, who is a director's designee, will need to submit their nutrient management plan to the local SWCD
5. Average yield goals shall be used for phosphorus and potassium fertilizer recommendations

## Technical Responsibilities



### Producer Responsibilities

1. For VNMP not developed by SWCD, submit completed VNMP to SWCD for review and or approval
2. For VNMP developed by SWCD, provide soil test reports, crop rotation, yields, proposed nutrient sources, and timing of nutrient application to SWCD
3. Make nutrient application records available to the SWCD for review and compliance with VNMP

### SWCD Responsibilities

1. Receive application from the producer, determine eligibility, document plan on BMP Worksheet and complete the agreement
2. Develop VNMP (if requested by the producer) using the Ohio VNMP Spreadsheet
3. Refer non-approved VNMP back to the producer for edits and re-submittal to meet ORC 905.31 (DD)
4. Review VNMP's submitted by producers and make recommendations to the SWCD board for plan approval, if not already approved by director's designee
5. Enter all required information into Beehive
6. Review nutrient application records annually and certify records are consistent with approved VNMP
7. Process payment to the producer

## Participant Payments

Producers may receive up to \$10/ac for this practice. Producers will receive \$2/ac upon approval of VNMP from the SWCD. Producers will receive an additional \$2/ac annually, for up to four years, after nutrient application records have been reviewed and certified each year.

Ohio Voluntary Nutrient Management Plans

The Producer

What are eligible Nutrient Management Plans?

Ohio Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan

Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan

The Producer - Chooses way to get VNMP

Producer writes their own plan

Who can write a Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan?

Local SWCD - Write and Review Plans

Certified Crop Advisor

Ag Retailers

Technical Service Provider

4R Certified - Verification Program TBD

NRCS Approval

Who can Certify the VNMP?

Ohio Department of Agriculture Director or Director's Designee - 4R Certified

Local Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors - For Approval

Who can be paid?

The Producer

