



# NEIEN Appendix Updates

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# CAST BMPs

There are 25 CAST BMPs added using the CAST BMP name

1. Agricultural Stormwater Management
2. Biofilters
3. Broiler Mortality Freezers
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6. Conservation Landscaping Practices
7. Denitrifying Ditch Bioreactors
8. Diploid Oyster Aquaculture 2.25 Inches
9. Diploid Oyster Aquaculture 3.0 Inches
10. Diploid Oyster Aquaculture 4.0 Inches
11. Diploid Oyster Aquaculture 5.0 Inches
12. Diploid Oyster Aquaculture Greater 6.0 Inches
13. Lagoon Covers
14. Septic Denitrification - Advanced
15. Septic Effluent - Advanced
16. Septic Secondary Treatment - Advanced
17. Site-Specific Monitored Oyster Aquaculture
18. Site-Specific Monitored Oyster Aquaculture
19. Site-Specific Monitored Oyster Aquaculture
20. Sorbing Materials in Ag Ditches
21. Triploid Oyster Aquaculture 2.25 Inches
22. Triploid Oyster Aquaculture 3.0 Inches
23. Triploid Oyster Aquaculture 4.0 Inches
24. Triploid Oyster Aquaculture 5.0 Inches
25. Triploid Oyster Aquaculture Greater than 6.0 Inches

# Credit Duration

- Does not have a credit duration
  - Agricultural Stormwater Management
  - Biofilters
  - Lagoon Covers
- Inconsistent credit duration
  - Stream Channel Stabilization = Non-urban stream restoration
    - Area treated unit = 5 years, Other units = 10 years.
    - Non-urban stream restoration credit duration = 10
    - Urban stream restoration credit duration = 5
  - Urban Forest Planting
    - Has a duration of 15 years.
    - All other tree and forest BMPs are 10 years.

# NRCS and FSA BMPs

- 353 NRCS and FSA BMP names were added as “draft” or “no water quality benefit”
- These will no longer be denoted as “invalid” in NEIEN
- These will not receive N, P, or S reduction credit in CAST
- Examples:
  - Irrigation Pipeline
  - Land Clearing
  - Manage livestock access to streams/ditches/other waterbodies to reduce pathogens in surface water
  - Managing livestock parturition to coincide with forage availability
  - Mulching to improve soil health
  - Multi-species Native Perennials for Biomass/Wildlife Habitat
  - Nutrient Management Plan – Applied
  - On Farm Composting of Farm Organic Waste
  - On-farm energy audit
  - On-farm forage based grazing system
  - Pasture Grazing Bundle # 7 (Improves forage utilization)
  - Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes
  - Plant Tissue Testing and Analysis to Improve Nitrogen Management
  - Pollinator Habitat
  - Recycle 100% of farm lubricants
  - Use drift reducing nozzles, low pressures, lower boom height and adjuvants to reduce pesticide drift

# Change in Status

BMP NAME	SB BMP in NEIEN	COMMENTS	STATUS	Comments
Drainage Water Management			Draft	possible change in status to "Release" with mapping to WaterContStruc
Structure for Water Control	WaterContStruc	For each no the conversion is 26 acres	Release	possible change in status to "NoWQBenefit"
Water Control Structure	WaterContStruc	For each System/Structure/Count the conversion is 26 acres	Release	possible change in status to "NoWQBenefit"
Water Control Structure RI	WaterContStruc	RI Approved	Release	possible change in status to "NoWQBenefit"

# Cover Crop Mapping—Drilled Planting Method, corrected by MDA

MEASUREMENT NAME in NEIEN Appendix	SB BMP in NEIEN	Full Name
RYEGRASS Early NO TILL Traditional	CoverCropTradARED	Cover Crop Traditional Annual Ryegrass Early Drilled
RYEGRASS Normal NO TILL Traditional	CoverCropTradARND	Cover Crop Traditional Annual Ryegrass Normal Drilled
BARLEY Early NO TILL Traditional	CoverCropTradBED	Cover Crop Traditional Barley Early Drilled
BARLEY Normal NO TILL Traditional	CoverCropTradBND	Cover Crop Traditional Barley Normal Drilled
CANOLA/RAPE Early NO TILL Traditional	CoverCropTradBRED	Cover Crop Traditional Brassica Early Drilled
FORAGE RADISH Early NO TILL Traditional	CoverCropTradFED	Cover Crop Traditional Forage Radish Early Drilled
CLOVER/WHEAT Early NO TILL Traditional	CoverCropTradLGLED	Cover Crop Traditional Legume Plus Grass 25-50% Early Drilled
CLOVER/WHEAT Normal NO TILL Traditional	CoverCropTradLGLND	Cover Crop Traditional Legume Plus Grass 25-50% Normal Drilled
SPRING OATS Early NO TILL Traditional	CoverCropTradOHED	Cover Crop Traditional Oats, Winter Hardy Early Drilled
SPRING OATS Normal NO TILL Traditional	CoverCropTradOHND	Cover Crop Traditional Oats, Winter Hardy Normal Drilled
RYE Early NO TILL Traditional	CoverCropTradRED	Cover Crop Traditional Rye Early Drilled
RYE Late NO TILL Traditional	CoverCropTradRLD	Cover Crop Traditional Rye Late Drilled
RYE Normal NO TILL Traditional	CoverCropTradRND	Cover Crop Traditional Rye Normal Drilled
TRITICALE Early NO TILL Traditional	CoverCropTradTED	Cover Crop Traditional Triticale Early Drilled
TRITICALE Normal NO TILL Traditional	CoverCropTradTND	Cover Crop Traditional Triticale Normal Drilled
WHEAT Early NO TILL Traditional	CoverCropTradWED	Cover Crop Traditional Wheat Early Drilled
WHEAT Late NO TILL Traditional	CoverCropTradWLD	Cover Crop Traditional Wheat Late Drilled
WHEAT Normal CONVENTIONAL Traditional	CoverCropTradWND	Cover Crop Traditional Wheat Normal Drilled
WHEAT Normal NO TILL Traditional	CoverCropTradWND	Cover Crop Traditional Wheat Normal Drilled

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- NEIEN Schema
- NEIEN Submission Instructions



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- Jurisdictional Quality Assurance Project Plans:
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  - District of Columbia's Quality Assurance Plan
  - Maryland's Quality Assurance Plan
  - Maryland's Wastewater Quality Assurance Plan
  - New York's Agriculture Quality Assurance Plan
  - New York's Developed Quality Assurance Plan
  - Pennsylvania's Nonpoint source Quality Assurance Plan
  - Pennsylvania's Point Source Quality Assurance Plan
  - Pennsylvania's Combined BMP Quality Assurance Plan
  - Virginia's Quality Assurance Plan
  - West Virginia's nonpoint source Quality Assurance Plan
  - West Virginia's point source Quality Assurance Plan

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