

Nutrient Management Task Force (NMTF)

Process & Product

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Charge to the NM TF

- Develop a “cross walk” between states’ nutrient management programs and the adopted Ph 5.3.2 NM tier definitions
- ID information/documentation states will use to determine reported acres
- Links to supporting documentation
- Compliance information for each program.
 - Compliance defined as an acre fully meeting the definition and required elements of the NM tier (p. 61-62 of NM Panel report)

What we learned

- “Crosswalk” template, as a tool, successfully consolidated information sought by the Partnership.
- Crosswalk allows the partnership to see the clear differences in state programs
- Overarching comments
 - 590 Clarification
 - Level of confidence around compliance – field v. paper assessment
 - Tier 1 and 2 requiring ALL elements
 - Identification for continued improvements
- State specific comments

Quick look at current crosswalk

- All states: Identified their ag programs and the NM Tier they equate to.
- All states: Reporting Tier 2 acres for the first time.
- A few states: Reporting Tier 3 acres for the first time.
- A couple of states: Plan to report **additional acres** in future, but not this progress year (2015).
- The compliance levels pertain to the acres eligible under each state program, e.g.:
 - A high compliance rate may be cited, but a smaller universe of acres may be eligible
 - A lower compliance rate cited may correspond to a higher level of eligible acres.

Quick look at current crosswalk*

State	Program	Level of Compliance by Program		
		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
DE	1 NM Law	>85%	65%	
DE	2 NM Plan Cost Share	>85%	65%	
DE	3 Manure Relocation	>85%	65%	
MD	1 NM on Pasture, Vegetable, or Container Nursery	62-73%		
MD	2 NM on Cropland	62-73%	62-73%	
MD	3 Enhanced Decision Ag on Cropland	62-73%	62-73%	62-73%
NY	1 CAFO GP	95%	95%	95%
NY	2 AEM	95%	95%	95%
NY	3 NRCS EQIP/CSP	95%	95%	95%
PA	1 Chpt 92A CAFO	95%	95%	
PA	2 Act 38 NM CAO	99%	99%	
PA	3 CNMPs	?	?	
PA	4 MMP AO	NA in 2015		
PA	5 NRCS 90	?	?	
PA	6 Nutrient Balance Sheet	95%		
VA	1 Ag NMP	91%	65%	100%
VA	2 SS Precision Ag	NA in 2015	NA in 2015	NA in 2015
WV	1 Ag Certified NM Planning	?	?	
WV	2 CAFO	?	?	

*NOTE: compliance levels are for acres that are eligible under each state program

Schedule

- December: States will finalize submissions.
 - States with insufficient data will provide more documentation to justify submissions, or adjust state-reported acres downward.
- January: EPA will make any necessary adjustments.
 - EPA will finalize and implement a methodology for adjusting any state-reported acres, if states are unable to provide sufficient documentation or adjust state-reported acres downward.
 - EPA will continue to work with the Ag Workgroup as it develops and implements its methodology.
- February: States will work with CBPO modelers to finalize NEIEN data submissions to ensure consistency with crosswalks.
- Post-February: CBPO modelers will conduct the 2015 progress run.