

EQIP WASTE MANAGEMENT CHECKLIST

The following checklist is intended to be an aid to completing some of the more important planning items for an EQIP Waste Management application. More detailed information can be found at: <http://www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip.html>

Note: In order to receive ranking points for a completed CNMP, it must be completed and signed by all parties by the end of the sign-up. A cursory review should indicate that the CNMP meets NRCS requirements and policy. If additional information is requested, it must be provided no later than one week before the close of the ranking period. If a CNMP has not been completed, one will be required for all applicants who are granted a contract.

ELIGIBILITY

- Provide a preliminary or final design for all Waste Management Practices (Waste Storage, Composting, Digestion, Separation, or Treatment Practices) by the close of the sign-up period. This design must be completed and stamped by a Wisconsin Registered Engineer or someone with NRCS job approval authority or a DATCP Agricultural Practitioner Certification. A design must, at a minimum, include a management and site assessment, soil borings (as needed according to the NRCS practice standard requirements), a site plan showing the proposed practices and soil borings, and an estimated cost of the practices in the waste management system. If additional information is requested, it must be provided no later than one week before the close of the ranking period.
- Demonstrate the availability of one acre of cropland per animal unit for land application of manure for the life of the contract. The animal units are based on the number of animals at the site, or the number of animals for which the facility is planned, whichever is larger. Documentation of land availability is required and may include manure spreading agreements, leases, or similar documentation to demonstrate one acre of cropland per animal unit. Soil test results are not required.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- An inventory and evaluation of the main production facility, any satellite facilities, and land where waste will be applied must be completed at least one week prior to the end of the ranking period. The inventory and evaluation will determine the need for additional farmstead practices and any upland treatment needed. The producer must agree to perform all practices that are identified as needed. Each secondary livestock production site (satellite facilities) shall be evaluated to assure no violations of the Wisconsin Administrative Code [NR 151.08 Manure Management Prohibitions](#) exist.
- Cropland where nutrients will be applied must be included in a conservation plan the producer must agree to implement. Soil erosion will be managed at or below tolerable soil loss limits ("T") for sheet and rill erosion. Ephemeral gullies in areas where nutrients are applied must be adequately treated. Ephemeral gullies usually form where water concentrates and flows from the field and will typically occur every year in the same location.
- If applicable, producer agrees to close or retrofit (for non-entry) existing drive-in covered tanks or manure transfer channels that are part of the waste stream identified in the preliminary or final design.
- If applicable, existing practices used as a component of the proposed new practice (313, 317, 366, 632, 629, or 634) meet or will be upgraded to current NRCS standards.

All identified needed upland practices and farmstead practices that are contracted must be completed according to NRCS standards prior to any funds being provided for the Waste Management Practices.