Nutrient management is everyone's responsibility

The Pennsylvania Nutrient Act, enacted in October 1997, has recently been the focus of many seminars and training meetings. This legislation mandates that any farm calculated to be a Concentrated Animal Operation will be required to file a "Nutrient Management Plan" with a local Soil Conservation Agency by October 1, 1998.

The law defines a concentrated animal unit as any farm with greater than 2.00 animal units per acre These operations will need to either seek training to file a nutrient management plan or hire a nutrient management consultant to assist in filing it

The intent of this law is not to penalize Pennsylvania agriculture to hinder the in attracting new agricultural industries, but rather to encourage producers to be proactive in responsible nutrient management, thus being good neighbors to our growing agricultural/urban community in the area of water qual-

Nutrient management is not only cost effective in recycling nutrient byproducts of animal production in crop production, but is in the best interest of animals and humans alike to have a clean, uncontaminated water supply.

One reason that so much attention has recently been focused on the poultry industry is that fewer than a dozen CEOs control 80% of the broiler production in the United States Also at issue are the growth and concentration of these poultry facilities, since most try to locate growers in close proximity to feed mills and processing plants

Because it can be economically transported over a greater distance to other agricultural areas in need of fertilizer nutrients, the relatively dry form of poultry litter minimizes the nutrient management problem for the poultry industry. At a recent National Poultry Waste Management Symposium, one report indicated that manure could be economically transported over 100 miles to areas that could utilize the manure as fertilizer, compost, or as a ruminant feed supplement.

Increasing hazzaids such fish

kills due to improper storage or management of litter and the constant leaching of nutrients into the water system indicate that the time has come to balance nitrogen output with crop production and protect water resources. Although not .yet mandated by law, many farmers have already recognized the advantages of nutrient management and voluntarily submitted nutrient management plans on their operations

These are forward-thinking individuals who recognize the responsibility they have as stewards of the earth's resources. They also enjoy the legal liability advantages and risk reduction by complying with recognized best management practices in regard to clean water and the nutrient management act.

Following is sample calculation that has been based on what would be considered a Concentrated Animal Operation One animal unit is equal to 1000 lb average weight on a yearly basis. Therefore, if a farmer kept a 2000 lb cow on two acres for one year, the average weight would be calculated as 1000 lb per acre for one year, or one animal unit per acre per year. Poultry is a little more difficult to calculate

For a house that produces 5 lb birds and has around five flocks per year with 30,000 birds/house and 285 days of production per year, the calculation would look like this

[(5 lb/2) x 30,000 x (285/365 days) = 58,562 lb produced per vear - 1000 lb/animal unit = 58.6 animal units from the house per year Therefore, if the farm has fewer than 343 acres for these 58.6 animal units, then it is considered a concentrated animal unit, and a Nutrient Management Plan must be filed by October 1, 1998

Let us all be proactive in protecting and sustaining resources that we enjoy and that give us our livelihood Find out what is the best plan of action for your farming operation and submit a nutrient management plan to your local soil conservation agency. Be part of the effort to shape the law for the survivability of farm life as well as the preservation of our most valuable life-sustaining iesource-our water

Lambing School Feb. 21

TUNKHANNOCK (Wyoming Co.) — The annual Mid-Winter Lambing School, sponsored by the Wyoming County Sheep and Wool Producers, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Building, Tunkhannock, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

This year's featured speaker is June Reed, Cotswold breeder and authority on sheep and animal health. Recently returned from giving a presentation to the American Sheep Industry National Convention in Reno, Nev.

Reed will bring her expertise in animal health emergency management to the meeting along with new information of importance to all sheep producers.

Reed is director of the National Sheep Improvement Program board secretary of the Pennsylvania Voluntary Scrapie Certification Board, president of the American Cotswold Record Association, an American Sheep Industry representative, and a world information transfer representative to the USDA in Washington and the United Nations.

Refreshments will be sold by the Wyoming County 4-H Sheep Club. There will be a presentation especially for 4-H Youth planning to show lambs at this year's fairs.

For more information, call Association President Victor Decker at (717) 833-2486 or Director Mike Joyce at (717)256-3346.

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