

Conservation Districts

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Further, the EPA is also proposing that the permits be required for any farm with more than a certain number of animals, regardless of the land available for manure application.

Although there are many questions still left unanswered about what effect the federal initiatives will have upon Pennsylvania's Nutrient Management Act regula-

tions, it doesn't mean that the state will allow forgiveness for missing the Oct. 1 mandatory deadline for its own Nutrient Management Act.

In essence, in Pennsylvania mandatory plans are required for farm operations with more than 2,000 pounds (2 AEU's; one AEU equals 1,000 pounds) of livestock per acre of owned or rented farm land that can receive manure as a nutrient.

Farm operators with questions as to whether their farm operation exceeds that 2,000-pound threshold should call their conservation district.

For consideration in determining whether a nutrient management plan is required or not, it is important to remember that the land receiving manure from a livestock operation must be under the control of the livestock farm operator.

It can not merely be a neighbor's

farmland who has agreed to accept manure.

However, it can be a neighbor's farmland if, in fact, the livestock producer has direct control over the crops being planted and harvested and the timing and amount of manure applications to that land.

Those without sufficient land under their control can create their own plan, if authorized by the state to do so; or file a plan professionally written that indicates that a neighbor is accepting the manure.

That neighbor, if he raises only crops, or doesn't raise enough livestock to be required to file his own plan, is not required to file a nutrient management plan.

Only those farms that raise

livestock are of concern.

It was previously reported that very early and rough state estimates of the number of potential CAOs in the state was about 2,500.

According to a published report and several opinions from those working closely with the issue, it appears that a number of farmers with operations close to the threshold for being required to file an official plan have altered their operations so as to no longer be considered a candidate for a mandatory plan.

In the meantime, the state is still finishing a new estimate of the number of operations that are required to file plans, and it is expected that the number should better reflect current livestock operations.

Shoemaker's Simmental Captures Grand Champion Heifer Honor At Bedford Fair



Shoemaker's Miss Pride, owned by Bill Shoemaker, captured supreme champion heifer at the 125th Great Bedford County Fair. Nathan Claycomb stands at halter.

BUFFALO MILLS (Bedford Co.) — Shoemaker's Miss Pride, owned by Bill Shoemaker, captured supreme champion heifer at the 125th Great Bedford County Fair.

Born January 3, 1996, this red non-dilutor heifer was described by Judge Pete LeVan, herdsman at Penn State University, as the type of beef cow the industry needs now and in the future. She showed tremendous thickness and volume for a nursing heifer.

Miss Pride is the mother of the fair's reserve champion Simmental bull, Shoemaker's Top Gun.

MCB Airbus, co-owned by Bill Showmaker and Matthew Miller, was named the grand champion Simmental bull. Airbus is sired by Black Mick and his dam is Shoemaker's Black Dream, who was the 1995 Pennsylvania State Farm Show grand champion heifer.

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The receptions will coincide with each respective dairy breed meeting. The reception will include exhibits featuring Dairy Shrine activities and Dairy Shrine winners.

All Dairy Shrine members who are not exhibiting, but would like to attend, should contact Bonnie

Burr at 508/881-5669.

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