

Record Keeping

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• **Manure Used For Non-Land Application*** — Specific use and amount of manure used for a non-land application purpose.

• **Manure Transfer Records*** — Under PNMP, CAOs are required to maintain completed 'Manure Transfer Sheets' while volunteers must record the destination, date and amount of exported manure.

• **Equipment Calibration Records** — Manure spreaders and injection equipment need to be calibrated when initially developing a nutrient management plan. Recalibration should be done periodically or when manure-handling practices change.

While there may be other items of nutrient information that producers may want to record, the items listed above are sufficient for most dairy farms. The most difficult step in the whole process is getting started.

Don't wait until regulations force you to keep nutrient management records. Rather, be proactive and begin to document your nutrient information, management activities and cropping history.

Keeping these records should become standard practice for all dairy producers. Your records are the only way you have to document the practices you have followed and implemented on your farm. In addition,

these records provide the most reliable basis for sound management decisions in the future — both for agronomic and environmental stewardship decisions.

PDQA Program In Place

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Dairy Quality Assurance Program (PDQA) is an integrated management program that identifies best management practices (BMPs) influencing the quality of milk, meat, and biosecurity.

PDQA includes three modules for quality assurance: milk quality, meat quality, and biosecurity. Objectives of the program are to help producers:

• Produce consistent, safe, high quality products through increased animal health, productivity, and profitability.

• Meet consumer and regulatory expectations regarding onfarm food safety and quality using a systems-based approach.

• Promote environmental stewardship.

To enroll in PDQA, producers must complete an application, then work with an implementer and Penn State personnel to identify objectives of that particular farm.

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