



NRCS CNMPs

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What role does NRCS play in helping farmers comply with the Connecticut CAFO General Permit?

A Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) is a site-specific conservation plan developed for an Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) or user of the by-products of an AFO that includes the following two components:

- (a) The production area including the animal confinement, feed and other raw materials storage areas, and the waste handling containment or storage areas.**
- (b) The land treatment area, including any land under control of the AFO owner or operator, whether it is owned, rented, or leased, and to which manure or process wastewater from the production area is, or might be, applied for crop and/or pasture production.**



The CNMP includes a description of the existing conditions (sometimes called Benchmark), the resource concerns that are found on the farm, recommendations for addressing the resource concerns and a schedule for doing the implementation.

CNMP

Areas Covered:

**Farmstead and Associated Agricultural
Lands (Production Area)**

**Cropland and Pastures (Land Treatment
Area)**

Structural Practices

- **Waste Storage Facility**
- **Heavy Use Areas**
- **Roofs and Covers**
- **Pipes, Pumps and any Waste Movement Components.**



Land Treatment Practices

- **Nutrient Management**
- **Recordkeeping**
- **Erosion Control Practices**
- **Prescribed Grazing**



Why does a farm need one?

Required when requesting funding for a waste storage or treatment facility

Farmer initiated to assess and document resource concerns and to develop a plan for conserving natural resources while meeting production goals

What does it require?

Field visits to document the producer objectives, existing conditions and resource concerns

Soil tests

Decisions on practices to address the resource concerns

Recordkeeping on nutrients applied and/or moved off site

Assistance Available

**In House development by NRCS staff –
producer provides field information,
soil tests, manure tests
(recommended), etc.**

**EQIP contract to hire a Technical
Service Provider (TSP) to write the
CNMP***

***TSPs may also be hired at the
owner/operator's expense**

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