

La Crosse County Dept. of Land Conservation  
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La Crosse, WI 54601-3200

**IMPORTANT!  
RESPONSE REQUIRED**



**DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION**  
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Telephone (608) 785-9867



Date

**You are required to complete and return this form in accordance with Chapter 23.10(3) of the La Crosse County Code of Ordinances – Animal Waste Management.**

Dear Landowner,

This compliance reporting form is being sent to you on behalf of the La Crosse County Department of Land Conservation. By State rule (Chapter NR 151 WI. State Statutes) and local county ordinance, you are required to maintain compliance with established agricultural performance standards. The agricultural performance standards are contained in the following form. You must complete numbers 1 through 6 to verify your level of compliance with the agricultural performance standards. After completion, return this form to our department. The return address and postage has been provided for your convenience.

- Landowners of agricultural land must submit the following information in compliance with the La Crosse County Animal Waste Ordinance (Chapter 23)
- Landowners who rent their property must obtain necessary information from renter to certify all 6 sections within this form.

<b>Print Name of Landowner</b>		
<i>Name &amp; Address of <u>Primary</u> Landowner.</i>		
Name (Last, First, M. I.)		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Township	Telephone Number	

## **Agricultural Performance Standards**

**Instructions:**

- All 6 sections shall be completed, even if you rent your land
- Check boxes or circle numbers for all 6 sections
- Questions apply to all property under your ownership
- **Description of key words (in *italics*) are on page 7.**

- 1) **DIRECT RUNOFF FROM FEEDLOTS**      “Direct runoff” from *feedlots* is **not** allowed within *Water Quality Management Areas (WQM's)*.

**Read the description for *feedlots* and *WQM's* before completing this section. If you have livestock on your property for any amount of time in the current year, you must complete this section.** This section only determines the number of *feedlots*. “Direct runoff” will be determined through on-site investigations.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Does not apply. I, nor anyone else, have livestock on my property. If checked, go to Section 2, “Sheet Rill and Wind Erosion”.
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a. Indicate the animal type and maximum number of livestock you had on your property on May 1, 2006.

<b><u>DAIRY CATTLE:</u></b>	<b><u>No.</u></b>	<b><u>SWINE:</u></b>	<b><u>No.</u></b>	<b><u>CHICKENS:</u></b>	<b><u>No.</u></b>
Milking & Dry Cows		Pigs (55 # to market)		Layers (each)	
Heifers (800# - 1200#)		Pigs (up to 55#)		Broilers (each)	
Heifers ( 400# - 800#)		Sows (each)		Broilers - continuous overflow watering	
Calves (up to 400#)		Boars (each)			
				Layers or Broilers - liquid manure system	
<b><u>BEEF:</u></b>		<b><u>DUCKS:</u></b>			
Steers or cows (600# to market)		Ducks - wet lot (each)			
		Ducks - dry lot (each)		<b><u>TURKEYS</u></b> (each)	
Calves (under 600#)					
Bulls (each)		<b><u>HORSES</u></b> (each)		<b><u>SHEEP</u></b> (each)	

b. Total number of all feedlots. (Read the description for feedlots on page 7.)  
 1 2 3 4+ (circle one)

c. Total number of all *feedlots* in a *Water Quality Management Area*. Include any feedlot where any portion of the lot is within a *Water Quality Management Area*.  
 0 1 2 3 4+ (circle one)

d. Total number of all feedlots within a *Water Quality Management Area* that are contained within a *Barnyard Runoff Control System* (see description).  
 0 1 2 3 4+ (circle one)

e. Address where livestock kept if different than primary landowner.  
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2) **SHEET RILL and WIND EROSION** All land where crops or feed are grown shall be cropped to achieve a soil erosion rate equal to, or less than the “tolerable” (T) rate established for that soil.

Check one of the statements below that applies:

<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not have any cropland.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have developed and am following a conservation plan.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have developed a conservation plan, but I’m currently not following it.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not have a conservation plan.

- 3) **NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT** All land that is cropped and where manure or commercial fertilizer is applied shall have a *Nutrient Management Plan* approved by one of the following by January 2008: (1) Certified Crop Consultant; (2) Certified Crop Advisor; (3) Registered Crop Scientist or Specialist; (4) Soil Scientist or Specialist; (5) Professional Agronomist; (6) A plan developed and approved through Department of Land Conservation Nutrient Management Planning workshops.

(Municipal sludge plans do not meet state Nutrient Management Plan Requirements.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Does not apply. No manure or commercial fertilizers are applied. If checked, go to Section 4, "Unconfined Manure Stacks".
<input type="checkbox"/>	No approved Nutrient Management Plan exists for cropland I own. If checked, go to Section 4, "Unconfined Manure Stacks".
<input type="checkbox"/>	An <u>approved</u> <i>Nutrient Management Plan</i> exists for <u>all</u> crop fields I own.
1 2 3 4 5 6 Circle the corresponding number of the planner from the choices listed above.	
_____ Print name of person who prepared or approved plan.	
_____ Print name of company who prepared or approved plan.	

- 4) **UNCONFINED MANURE STACKS** Manure stacks are prohibited within *Water Quality Management Areas*, or in areas of concentrated flow where the drainage area is one acre or greater.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Does not apply. No <i>unconfined manure stacks</i> exist within any <i>Water Quality Management Area</i> or in any area where water concentrates and the area draining to it is one acre or greater. If checked, go to Section 5, " <i>Manure Storage</i> "
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, <i>unconfined manure stacks</i> exist within <i>Water Quality Management Areas</i> or in areas where water concentrates and the area draining to it is one acre or greater.
1 2 3 4+ Number of <i>unconfined manure stacks</i> . (circle one)	

5) **MANURE STORAGE**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Does not apply. There is no <i>manure storage</i> on my property. If checked, go to Section 6, "Mismanaged Pastures". If manure storage exists, continue with a. through c.
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a. *Manure storage constructed prior to January 1, 1999*      *Manure storage constructed prior to January 1, 1999 must not pose an immediate threat to public health.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	There are 1 2 3 4+ <i>Manure storage</i> structures existing on my property that were constructed prior to January 1, 1999. (Circle one)						
For each structure indicate the year it was built, if public funds (cost-share) were used to build it, and if abandoned, the year abandoned.							
Impoundment #	Year constructed	Public Funding				Year Abandoned	
1	<input type="text"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
4+	<input type="text"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>

b. *Manure storage constructed after January 1, 1999.*      *Manure storage facilities designed and constructed after January 1, 1999 shall comply with standards.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Manure storage</i> has been constructed on my property after January 1, 1999. A permit from the county <b>has been</b> issued. 1 2 3 4+ Number of <i>manure storage</i> impoundments (circle one)
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Manure storage</i> has been constructed on my property after January 1, 1999. A permit from the county <b>has not</b> been issued. 1 2 3 4+ Number of <i>manure storage</i> impoundments (circle one)
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c. *Substantial Alterations*      Modifications after January 1, 1999 that alter the *manure storage* liners or structures shall comply with approved standards.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Substantial alterations</i> to existing <i>manure storage</i> impoundments have been made after January 1, 1999. A permit from the county <b>has been</b> issued. 1 2 3 4+ Number of <i>substantial alterations</i> (circle one)
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Substantial alterations</i> to existing <i>manure storage</i> impoundments have been made after January 1, 1999. A permit from the county <b>has not</b> been issued. 1 2 3 4+ Number of <i>substantial alterations</i> (circle one)
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- 6) **MISMANAGED PASTURES** Pasturing livestock within *Water Quality Management Areas* where their confinement for the purpose of feeding, browsing or loafing prevents the maintenance of adequate sod cover causing bank erosion is prohibited.

Check only one of the following boxes that applies

<input type="checkbox"/>	There are no streams or lakes on my property. (Note: see definition of streams under <i>Water Quality Management Area</i> .)
<input type="checkbox"/>	There are streams or lakes on my property, but no livestock pasture within the <i>Water Quality Management Areas</i> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Livestock pasture stream or lakeshores within <i>Water Quality Management Areas</i> .

I declare that I have examined this form and have made compliance determinations for the 6 (six) agricultural performance standards listed herein on all properties under my ownership. I declare that to the best of my knowledge and based on the information contained herein, my determinations are true, correct and complete, and that incomplete or misrepresented information may result in reduced technical and / or financial assistance.

I understand that the information I provide is to be used by the Department of Land Conservation for prioritizing and planning purposes to bring La Crosse County landowners into compliance with State Standards. I also understand that no determinations of non-compliance with performance standards can be made by the Department without conducting on-site reviews and that I intend to fully cooperate during those reviews.

**All six (6) Sections Must Be Completed or Form Will Be Returned.**

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Signature of **Landowner** Primarily Responsible for Implementation of Agricultural Performance Standards

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Date

State law requires counties to seek penalties or injunctions against persons who violate standards or do not meet compliance deadlines. The status of existing compliant sites may be affected by an increase in the number of livestock, expansion of livestock facilities or changes in manure management. Consult with the Department of Land Conservation before changes are made.

Landowners may apply at any time with the La Crosse County Department of Land Conservation for technical or cost-share assistance for abatement of non-point sources of pollution.

Call (608) 785-9867 for questions regarding this form; the installation of conservation practices; technical or financial assistance; or County or State Agricultural Performance Standards.

Retain a copy of this form for future reference.

## DESCRIPTION OF TERMS

"Abandoned Impoundment" means an animal waste impoundment not used for three consecutive years.

"Barnyard Runoff Control System" means a system of facilities or practices designed, constructed and approved to meet state standards to contain, divert, retard, treat or otherwise control the discharge of runoff from outdoor areas of concentrated livestock activity. A "barnyard runoff control system" may include components that contain, divert, retard, treat or control surface water runoff.

"Feedlot" means a lot or building, or combination of contiguous lots and buildings, intended for the confined feeding, breeding, raising or holding of animals and designed as a confinement area in which animal waste may accumulate, or where the concentration of animals is such that a vegetative cover cannot be maintained within the enclosure. Open lots used for feeding and rearing of poultry (poultry ranges) and barns, dairy facilities, swine facilities, beef lots and barns, horse stalls, and mink ranches shall be considered to be animal feedlots. (Pastures where livestock are fed from feeders or feed wagons where feeding prevents sod cover, are considered *feedlots*. It is a *feedlot* in a *Water Quality Management Area* if livestock are fed from a bale feeder in a pasture within 300' of a stream, unless a feed wagon or feeders are moved frequently preventing loss of sod cover.)

"Manure Storage" means any earthen, concrete, wooden, steel or otherwise fabricated structure intended to hold an accumulation of animal waste.

"Mismanaged Pastures" means those pastures within 1000 feet of the ordinary high-water mark of a lake, pond, or flowage, or within 300 feet from the ordinary high-water mark of navigable waters of a river or stream, where confinement of livestock for the purpose of feeding, browsing or loafing prevents the maintenance of adequate sod cover causing bank erosion.

"Nutrient Management Plan" means a written plan and map accepted by the department detailing the amount, form, placement and timing of applied animal waste.

"Substantial Alterations" means any modifications to an impoundment that alters the integrity of the liner or structure; or the integrity, capacity, or design requirements of a feedlot.

"Unconfined Manure Stack" means a stack (stored accumulation of mechanically placed animal waste) from which runoff leaves its perimeter or is not confined to its immediate area.

"Water Quality Management Areas" means

1. Areas within 1000 feet of lakes
2. Areas within 300 feet of rivers or streams (For the purpose of this certification if water flows in the stream bed at least 8 months in a year consider it a stream)
3. Sites susceptible to groundwater contamination.
  - a. An area within 250 feet of a private well or 1,000 feet of a municipal well.
  - b. Areas that drain to sink holes or exposed bedrock
  - c. Areas where soil depth to groundwater or bedrock is less than 2 feet.
  - d. Areas of sandy soils with limited amounts of silt and clay.

If you have any questions, please call the  
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**Thank you** for taking the time to complete this Animal Waste  
Management Information sheet.

FOLD IN HALF AND PLACE STRIP OF TAPE IN CENTER OF TOP OPENING  
(DO NOT STAPLE)

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