

# NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS (NMPS) FACT SHEET



## *What are NMPS*

A plan that takes into account soil test values, on farm nutrient sources, commercial fertilizer use and cropping and tillage data to determine crop nutrient needs, manure application rates, soil erosion on individual fields. The plan should help farms obtain maximum economic return as well as protect nearby water resources. A plan should make sense agronomically, economically and environmentally.

## *Why have NMPS?*

Nutrient Management plans can save your farm money by using existing nutrients in the soils or reducing fertilizer rates to economic optimum. They are also a good way to determine how much soil you are losing on an annual basis and adjust your crop rotation so you don't lose topsoil which can take nutrients with it.

## *Things to Consider*

- Do you have up to date soil samples (less than 4 years old)?
- Are you interested in learning to write your own NMP?
- Are you looking to reduce your input costs?



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