

Resource Guide for

Livestock Manure Management

Livestock manure management issues are becoming increasingly important and complex. Ample educational, technical and financial assistance is available to producers. Individuals are encouraged to take a proactive approach when dealing with livestock manure to take advantage of resources and avoid negative regulatory action.

Livestock producers and those who work with them often have questions or specific concerns about managing livestock manure. The following is a description of available resources, along with the names of contact people. Some of these programs are strictly educational, while others may provide educational, technical and financial assistance.

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■ Livestock Environmental Nutrient Management Educational Support Program

Sponsor: North Dakota State University Extension

Purpose: This program provides research-based educational programs about livestock manure handling, storage and utilization using technologies that will protect water quality and put livestock producers in compliance with regulations.

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■ Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) field offices

Sponsors: Local soil conservation districts (SCDs)

Purpose: The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service field offices work in cooperation with local soil conservation districts to deliver technical assistance to landowners through voluntary programs to conserve natural resources on private land.

Contact: Local soil conservation districts and NRCS field offices are listed in local phone directories under federal government offices. Locations and contact people also can be found at the North Dakota NRCS website:

www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/nd/contact/state/?cid=nrcs141p2_001605.

■ Local Section 319 Watershed Projects

Purpose: Local Section 319 watershed projects can provide financial and technical assistance for planning, designing and installing livestock manure management systems.

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Maps of the active watershed projects in the state and the associated contact directory can be found on the Non-point Source (NPS) website:

https://deq.nd.gov/WQ/3_Watershed_Mgmt/1_NPS_Mgmt/NPS.aspx

The local soil conservation district also can determine if your facility is within an active Section 319 watershed project.

■ North Dakota Stockmen's Association Environmental Services Program

Sponsor: North Dakota Stockmen's Association

Purpose: This program provides site-specific advice on managing concentrated livestock areas, including manure-handling structures and practices that will protect water quality and comply with regulations, and help provide the producer with technical and financial assistance to install the structures and practices.

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■ North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Quality, Feedlot Program

Sponsor: North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality

Purpose: This division establishes rules for environmental compliance of animal-feeding operations in accordance with state and federal law, issues approvals to operate animal-feeding operations in compliance, inspects animal-feeding operations to assess environmental compliance and brings facilities that do not meet environmental requirements into compliance with environmental laws.

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■ North Dakota Livestock Pollution Prevention Program (LP3)

Sponsor: North Dakota Department of Agriculture

Purpose: This program works one on one with North Dakota livestock producers to identify environmental concerns, and provide the producer with technical and financial resources and access to engineering assistance to establish structures and practices to protect water quality and comply with regulations.

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