

## **Landowner and Decision Maker Responsibilities in CNMP Development**

The landowner and all decision makers of a farm must be fully engaged; be ready, willing, and able to work with the TSP Planner in the development of the CNMP.

### **1. Identify the Decision Maker:**

Identifying the decision maker helps the planner know who on the farm actually makes the decisions that will be recorded in the Schedule of Implementation. Provide a phone number and a cell phone number where the TSP Planner can contact you.

### **2. Goals and Objectives of the Farm Operation:**

Why do you want the CNMP and what is the purpose of the CNMP for the farm operation? What issues, resource concerns, and limitations do you want addressed by the CNMP? For example: I want the CNMP to address manure storage and handling concerns on the farm. Or, my objective is to use the manure produced on the farm for crop nutrients and reduce my commercial fertilizer costs.

### **3. Inventory of the Headquarters Site:**

The TSP Planner must have some inventory data only you can provide. The Decision Maker should provide the animal species, number of animals by size and type, volume of milkhouse water used, any diet ration sheets, housing locations (barn, lot, or hutch) for each group, amount of time animals are in each location (such as on pastures during the summer) the bedding types and amount used for all housing locations.

### **4. Production Area Sites - Inventory and Evaluation (I & E):**

The Decision Maker must help the planner during this step by disclosing any of the items listed below and identify any other issues they want addressed by the CNMP. It is the TSP Planner's responsibility to conduct a thorough inventory and evaluation of the production area sites used for manure production, collection, and storage. The inventory will include delineation of all pervious and impervious surface areas, identification of contributing rainfall runoff areas, identification and evaluation of all existing storage facilities (including any milkhouse waste water), proposed location of any planned storage facilities, a feasibility study for all proposed storage facility locations including a soil investigation, locations and uses of all buildings, utilities, wells, tiles and any manure movement or drainage off the site. The Decision Maker needs to arrange for equipment needed for a soils investigation of any proposed storage.

### **5. Land Application Area – Completing an inventory and evaluation of fields that will have manure applied.**

The Decision Maker should be prepared to provide the TSP Planner with a list of all cropland or pasture fields owned or rented by the farm for inclusion into the CNMP. This must include all cropland, hayland or pastures receiving manure. The Decision Maker should provide the TSP Planner with current soil tests (taken within the last three years) for fields to be included in the CNMP, the crop rotation for the fields, the forms of commercial fertilizers used in addition to manure, the expected crop yields

for each crop in the rotation, and the typical harvest schedule. Only fields with current soil tests can be planned to receive manure. The Decision Maker will need to schedule soil testing on any fields without current soil tests before the planner can move to the next step. To complete the evaluation of land application areas, the TSP Planner will need the Decision Maker to also provide the location of pattern or random tile lines, tile outlets or standpipes.

**6. Statement of Sustainability:**

The TSP Planner will need to work with you to determine if you have enough acres to utilize all the manure produced on the farm. A Farm Nutrient Balance worksheet and spreading plan (MMP) is used to determine this. If it is determined there are not enough acres to utilize all the nutrients (usually phosphorus) generated from the manure, it will be the Decision Maker's responsibility to secure more land or work with the TSP Planner on changes to a ration that will reduce phosphorus production before a CNMP can be approved.

**7. Schedule of Implementation:**

The schedule of implementation is a record of the Decision Maker's decisions for managing manure production, collection, storage and utilization. It lists your decisions to address any resource conditions needing additional management or structural implementation. It should also include managing a situation temporarily until design or installation of storage can be completed (such as how you handle silage leachate until a permanent solution is installed). It should only include your firm decisions and not suggestions or alternatives. It is the responsibility of the Decision Maker to confirm items listed in the CNMP Schedule of Implementation are fully agreed to and will address any concerns or objectives before signing the CNMP.

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