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- Michigan State University Extension Staff
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Progressive Planning for Livestock Farms



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Steps toward improved environmental
management and MAEAP verification



Making your farm more environmentally sound doesn't have to be overwhelming or a major drain on your resources. Progressive Planning is a component of MAEAP (the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program) that is confidential, voluntary and non-regulatory allowing farmers to chart a path toward environmental assurance for their livestock farms.

Progressive Planning is...

- a step-by-step method for helping small- and medium-sized livestock farmers work toward verification in MAEAP
- designed to meet the needs of farmers who are not yet ready or able to develop an approved Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)

Participating farmers receive confidential, one-on-one guidance from local MAEAP partners — often individuals the farmer already knows.

Local MAEAP partners confidentially...

- help farmers set goals and timelines tailored to their farms
- explain environmental expectations
- help locate appropriate resource people
- identify areas of concern and opportunities related to environmental stewardship
- identify risks and reduce the chance of polluting surface and groundwater resources

The approach...

The Progressive Planning approach enables participants to work through the seven planning components at their own pace:

1. Confidential site review
2. Whole-farm nutrient balance
3. Manure spreading plan
4. Conservation practices on fields
5. Emergency and employee training plans
6. Mortality and vet waste disposal
7. Odor management plan

Once the process is completed, the farmer will have accumulated many of the records and stewardship practices that are necessary to write a farm-specific CNMP.

Start now...

One way to begin the process toward MAEAP verification is to send in the attached enrollment form or attend a MAEAP educational session and sign up for Progressive Planning.

Phase 1 education sessions are listed on the MAEAP Web site (www.maeap.org) on the right side of the livestock web page under "Upcoming Events".



MAEAP PROGRESSIVE PLANNING ENROLLMENT FORM

Name: _____

Farm Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

County: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

____ **Livestock System** (species: _____)

For my local contact, I would prefer to work with (please rank your preferences 1, 2, 3)

- ____ Michigan Farm Bureau
- ____ Conservation District
- ____ Michigan Milk Producers Association
- ____ Michigan State University Extension
- ____ MAEAP Specialist
- ____ Other

I am also interested in more information on the following MAEAP systems:

____ **Farmstead System** (all farms and greenhouses)

____ **Cropping System** (field crops, vegetables, orchards, greenhouses, nursery, tree farms)

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