

Nutrient Management Newsletter

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This is a reminder that the 2010 Canada-Ontario Farm Stewardship Program (COFSP) project claims are due January 15, 2011. This means anyone that was approved for a COFSP funded project has until January 15, 2011 to get their project done and submit invoices to the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA). Allocated funds will not be rolled over into the 2011 program year, they will be forfeited.

The Project Proposal Application forms for the 2011 program year will be available September 15, 2010. Farms that have completed a Third Edition EFP workbook are eligible to apply to the 2011 program year. An additional requirement for the 2011 program year applies to producers with livestock or poultry as their primary commodity. These producers must have a Premises Identification Number for the property where the proposed project will be located, before applying for cost-share. Learn more about the Premises Identification registration process in the article on page two of this newsletter.

Contact your local OSCIA representative or visit www.ontariosoilcrop.org for more information. Attached is a flyer, as well, for additional information.

NASM Training and Certification Update

Four NASM Plan Developer's Courses were offered in Kingston, Barrie, London and Dunnville during the summer. In total, more than 60 individuals attended the courses.

The courses were attended by NASM generators, professional applicators holding Prescribed Materials Application Business licences, nutrient management consultants and environmental officers from the Ministry of Environment.

Course evaluations suggest that participants are satisfied with the course. Additional information, as well as the fall course schedule for the NASM Plan Developer's Course is available online at www.ontario.ca/nasm-omafra or by calling 1-866-242-4460.

Please note, the Introduction to Nutrient Management Course is a prerequisite for the NASM Plan Developer's Course. Training on the NMAN 3 Software can be taken before or after the NASM Plan Developer's Course.

All NASM plan developers must successfully complete two fictitious NASM Plans and submit them as part of their certification requirements. The two fictitious plans will be available in October.

Passing an exam is also required for certification. For more information on the NASM Plan Development Certificate visit www.ontario.ca/nasm-omafra.

Remember, the NASM Regulations come into effect on January 1, 2011.

The first "planned" NASM land applications can take place after April 1 (the end of the restricted application period).

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has a GIS website that can be used to create farmstead and field maps. The mapping tool has many layers including assessment parcels for determining roll numbers and orthophotography which gives access to aerial photos of the province.

For more information visit www.ontario.ca/mnr and click “Maps & Geographic Information”.

Contact Richard Brunke, OMAFRA Nutrient Management Engineer for help with making maps: richard.brunke@ontario.ca.

NMAN 2.1

NMAN 2.1 was released in May 2009. As usual, after an appropriate time, OMAFRA requires that strategies be submitted only on the current version of NMAN. Consequently, after December 31, 2010, OMAFRA will only accept strategies prepared using NMAN 2.1

In some cases it has been noted that consultants have used the Farm Unit Declaration form generated from NMAN 2.0.x and prepared the strategy on NMAN 2.1. NMAN 2.1 prints the owner and operator on the Farm Unit Declaration, so when the Farm Unit Declaration from NMAN 2.0.x is used with NMAN 2.1, there is no contact information provided. Consequently, we cannot accept the Farm Unit Declaration form generated from NMAN 2.0.x when the strategy has been prepared using NMAN 2.1.

Premises Identification: Registering Your Agri-Food Premises in Ontario

A Premises Identification Number is a unique identifying number assigned to a parcel of land that is associated with agri-food activities. In Ontario, premises are identified and registered in the Ontario Agri-Food Premises Registry (OAPR). The purpose of the OAPR is to be able to locate where agricultural and agri-food activities occur in Ontario.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Do you have questions? Need more information? Have a comment about what you would like to see in the next issue? Please contact your area environmental specialist at:

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Information You Need To Get A Premises Identification Number

You will need to accurately identify your property, preferably with an: **Assessment Roll Number (ARN)** – your tax assessment number from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

If you cannot provide an ARN you will need to provide one of the following:

Latitude and Longitude – from a Global Positioning System

Municipal Address – of the premises to be registered

Lot and Concession Number – of the premises to be registered

Applying For a Premises ID Is Easy and Free

Step 1: Contact OnTrace for your application form

Online at: www.ontraceagrifood.com

By phone: 519-766-9292 or toll free: 1-888-388-7223

Step 2: Complete your application

Complete the online application form. All of the required fields must be completed. You will need to describe the agricultural or agri-food activities that take place on the premises.

Step 3: Submit your application to OnTrace

If you have any questions, please contact OnTrace.

For more information about Premises ID, please view the attached document or contact the Agricultural Information Contact Centre by calling 1-877-424-1300, emailing ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca or visiting www.ontario.ca/omafra.