



WINONA COUNTY SPRING, 2020

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FEEDLOT NEWSLETTER

Spring Land Application Recommendations

- Wait until **ALL** snowmelt has occurred
- Wait until soil is completely thawed
- Avoid applying on wet soil to reduce compaction

Spring Land Application Pros vs. Cons

Pro - Manure is available closer to when a growing crop will begin using the nutrients

Pro - The chances of nutrient losses is lower

Con - Manure with high organic matter may have less time to break down and nitrogen release may be slower than expected

Con - If soil conditions are poor, delaying manure application may further the delay of planting



Muddy Open Lots?

How can I minimize the effects of mud on cattle?

- Frequently clean the most problematic areas
 - Behind feed bunk
 - Drinking water tanks
- Add bedding areas (20 to 40 sq. ft. Per head)
- Temporarily move animals onto a field of corn stalks to allow drying time & maintenance

How to minimize mud on open lots?

- Prior to fall cattle arrival
 - Reshape mounds and valleys to ensure proper water drainage
 - Repair any erosion, use soil that will compact and shed water well
 - Scrape the lots to maintain a 3 – 5% slope away from feeding areas
- Winter time
 - Utilize snow fence or other barriers to reduce snow from entering lots
 - Remove accumulated snow from pens
 - Maintain good drainage, fence lines can present challenges for drainage and can require extra maintenance

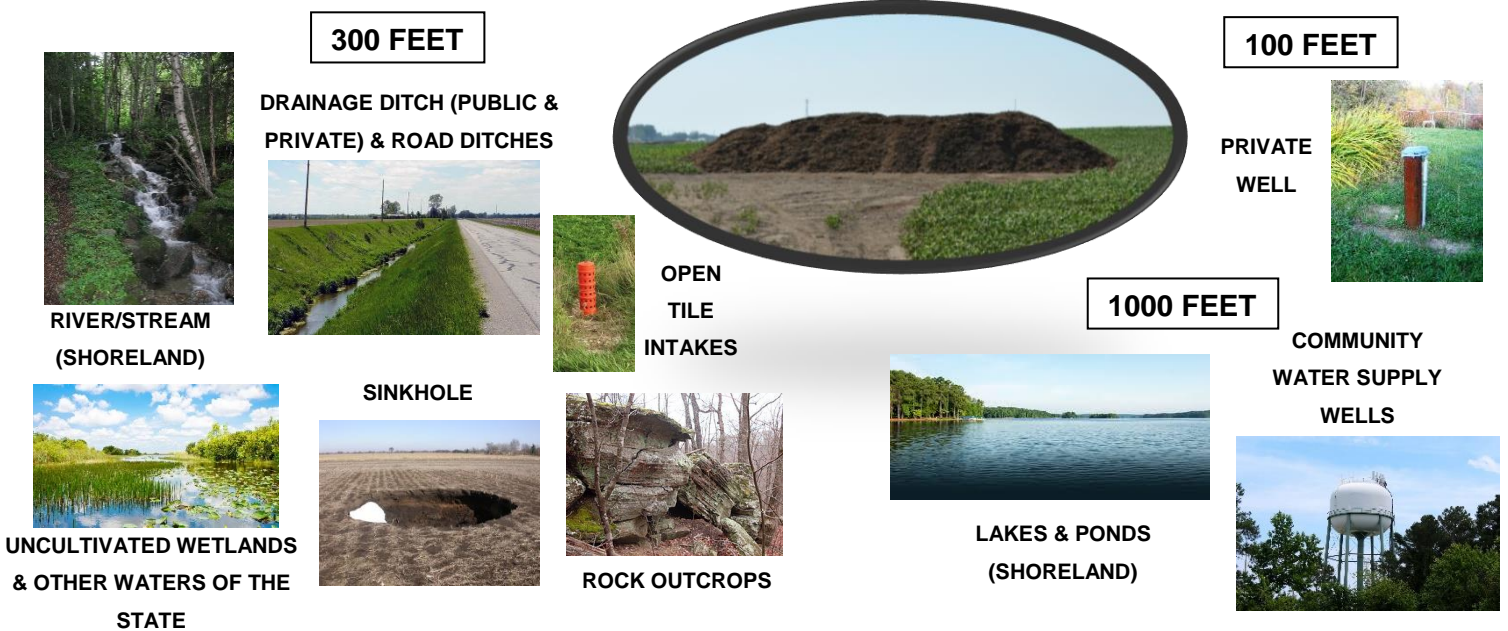
GUIDELINES FOR SHORT-TERM MANURE STOCKPILING

- A stockpile must be rotated every year
- All manure is required to be removed
- Vegetation must be re-established after the manure is removed
- Must NOT be located on land that has a greater than 6% slope

Stockpile records must be kept, containing:

1. The location
2. The date it was established
3. The volume of manure
4. The nutrient analysis of the manure
5. When the manure was land applied

SETBACKS FOR SHORT-TERM MANURE STOCKPILING



“Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil, and you’re a thousand miles from the corn field.”

-President Dwight D. Eisenhower



Local Working Group Meeting

This is for local farmers, SWCD & NRCS to provide recommendations to the USDA on local, area, & state natural resource priorities & criteria for conservation activities & programs for Federal Fiscal year 2021.

April 9th, 2020

11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Brewski’s in Utica

Free Lunch (RSVP required)

RSVP to 507-523-2171 ext 3



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