

ARM Worksheet

It is recommended that you fill out this form no more than 24 hours prior to a manure application event, particularly from October through February. You can group similar fields together into one field unit. For questions related to filling out any of the fields below, click on the provided hyperlinks for more information.

Farm Name

County Name

Application Date

Date you want to apply: You must do this evaluation no more than 24 hours prior to application.

Field Name or Unit

Do a separate evaluation for each field or management unit. A "management unit" is a group of fields with similar soil, crop type, and management conditions.

24 hour Precipitation (inches)

Link to MSA precipitation (<https://sites.google.com/site/wadairyplan/manure-spreading-advisory>)

Risk Rating: Low

72 hour Precipitation (inches)

Link to MSA precipitation (<https://sites.google.com/site/wadairyplan/manure-spreading-advisory>)

Risk Rating: Low

Soil Type

Enter the general soil type you want to apply to. If you don't know your soil type, make your selection under "Don't know". Soil type can be found on your farm plan map.

- ☐ Sandy/Gravelly (Course Textured Soil - A)
☐ Silt (Medium Textured Soil - B)
☐ Clay (Fine Textured Soil - C/D)
☒ Peat/Muck (Organic Soil)
☐ Don't know

Soil Moisture

Select your soil moisture range. For guidance on how to determine soil moisture here (<http://www.wadairyplan.org/ARM/soil-moisture-determination>)

- ☐ 90-100% (If your boots squish in the field, you are at saturation)
☒ 80-90% (In this range you would not comfortably drive a tractor into the field and are worried about potential soil compaction due to field wetness)
☐ 60-80% (In this range you could comfortably drive a tractor out into the field without worrying about ruts or field compaction)
☐ < 60% (In this range your soil is firm and starting to dry out)

Risk Rating: High

Caution: You may be at risk for runoff if soils are saturated. Check field conditions and the forecast, and restrict application rates so you don't saturate your field.

Water Table Depth (inches)

Water table can be determined by nearby ditches, or by digging a hole in your field. For more on how to determine water table depth, click [HERE](http://www.wadairyplan.org/ARM/water-table-depth-determination) (<http://www.wadairyplan.org/ARM/water-table-depth-determination>).

Risk Rating: High

Caution: There is an elevated water table at this location, which greatly increases the potential of a runoff event. Tiles may also be running, which can act as a direct conduit for discharge. Consider postponing application.

Forage Density (%)

Click link for guidance on how to determine forage density here (<http://www.wadairyplan.org/ARM/forage-density-determination>)

- ☐ 90-100%
☐ 70-90%
☐ 50-70%
☐ < 50%
☐ Other: Annual/Fallow/Row Crop Field (eg, new seeding, corn, berry, bare soil, etc.)

forage density is required

Risk Rating: Low

Your surface cover is adequate.

Forage Height (inches)

Forage/cover height is the average height of forage or cover in your field. If you are not evaluating a forage field, select "Not forage crop".

Risk Rating: Low-Med

Your forage/cover is in good condition.

Field Surface Condition

Check all that apply to your current field conditions.

- ☐ Ponding
☐ Flooding current or potential in 15 days
☐ Frozen (more than 1 inch) or snow covered
☐ Tiles present in field
☒ None of the above

field surface condition is required

Risk Rating: Medium

Manure Application Equipment

Check equipment/method of application.

- ☐ Below surface applicator (eg, injector, incorporation within 24 hours)
☐ Surface application (eg, splash plate, tank, aerator)

- ☐ Irrigation sprinkler (eg, Big Gun)
- ☒ Grazing
- ☐ Solid Manure Application

Risk Rating: Low-Med

Grazing is a form of manure application. Be sure to observe manure application setback distances and maintain field cover to reduce a runoff event.

Waterbody or Critical Area

Do you have a waterbody (i.e., ditch, stream, river, etc.) or identified critical area (i.e., swale, wetland, etc) adjacent to your field?

- ☐ Yes (answer next two questions)
- ☒ No (click submit)

Application Risk Analysis for Surface Runoff

If you apply manure, do so with EXTREME caution. Follow all recommendations, manure setback distances, and application guidelines in this worksheet and in your Plan.

MEDIUM-HIGH RISK