

## 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-Med**

### 72 hour Precipitation ( inches )

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

**Risk Rating: Medium**

### 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>).

**Stop: The water table is too close to the soil surface for safe application at this time. Wait until it recedes before manure is applied.**

**Risk Rating: Extreme**

### 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.)

**Risk Rating: Medium**

**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: Med-High**

**If forage height is low, water can run over the top of the field and increase your chances of runoff. Apply with great caution when forage height is less than 3 inches.**

### 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, incorporaion within 24 hours)

- ☒ Surface application (eg, splash plate, tank, aerator)
- ☐ Irrigation sprinkler (eg, Big Gun)
- ☐ Grazing
- ☐ Solid Manure Application

**Risk Rating: Low-Med**

***Be cautious of turnaround areas and low spots. Watch for compaction on your field if applying to wet soils. Follow current manure setback distances. Use of an aerator is a good method when applying to grass in a higher risk time.***

#### 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

Do NOT apply manure at this time, the risk is too high. Wait and reevaluate.

**HIGH RISK**