Feed Management (592)

Feed management is the practice of managing the quantity of available nutrients, feedstuffs, or additives fed to livestock and poultry for their intended purpose.

Practice Information

Feed management is used on livestock and poultry operations with a whole-farm nutrient imbalance, with more nutrients imported to the farm than are exported and/or utilized by cropping programs. It is effective on livestock and poultry operations that land-apply manure and do not have a land base large enough to allow nutrients to be applied at rates recommended by soil tests and utilized by crops in the rotation.

The purpose is to supply the quantity of available nutrients required by livestock and poultry for maintenance, production, and reproduction; while reducing the quantity of nutrients, especially nitrogen and phosphorus, excreted in manure by minimizing the over-feeding of these and other nutrients and improve net-farm income by feeding nutrients more efficiently.

Common Associated Practices

Feed Management (592) is commonly applied with the conservation practice Nutrient Management (590).

For further information, contact your local NRCS field office.