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A Nutrient Management Conservation Activity Plan may be developed for any farm that produces crops and uses nutrients.

What is a NMP CAP?

A Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) which documents how nutrients will be managed for crop production. When implemented as part of a conservation system, a NMP will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved.

A NMP is developed in accordance with the NRCS **Nutrient Management** 590 Conservation Practice Standard. Based upon soil test results and recommendations, it provides appropriate rates and timing for application of fertilizer and/or other soil fertility amendments, such as manure and compost, as applicable to the operation. If animal manure and/or organic by-products are to be utilized, they will be tested for nutrient content and included in the NMP.

A NMP may be developed for either crop farms or for livestock farms that grow crops.

However, unlike a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) or a State of Maine Nutrient Management Plan, a NMP CAP does not include an assessment of the farmstead production area and adequacy of waste storage.

Developing a NMP

- Nutrient Management Plans will be developed by an independent Technical Service Provider (TSP). You will be responsible for contacting and hiring the TSP. You can find the names of certified TSPs at http://techreg.usda.gov/, or through your local NRCS office (listed on page 2).

- To be eligible to contract for a plan, you must have possession of recent soil tests (less than 3 years old, and preferably less than one year old) for all fields to be included in the plan.

- Soil tests must be run by the Modified Morgan Method which is used by the University of Maine Analytical Lab. Other labs may run this by request.

- Tests results for nutrient content of manure, compost or other materials must be less than one year old.

Payment Information

The following table shows Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) payment rates for NMPs. The payment rate is based on the number of fields that will be addressed by the plan. The NRCS payments are fixed, regardless of what a TSP charges for the plan. Participants are responsible for paying the difference.

Component	2014 Payment Rate General / HU*
< 100 acres	$1,666 / $1,999
101-300 acres	$1,982 / $2,379
>300 acres	$2,398 / $2,877

* HU = Historically Underserved

Applications are being accepted on a continuous basis. However, applications received by **December 20, 2013** will be considered for funding in 2013.

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