



Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) Funding Opportunity

Fiscal Year 2020

Natural Resources Conservation Service - Maine

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

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.

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.

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 certified TSPs at <http://techreg.sc.egov.usda.gov/>, or through your local NRCS office.
- 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	2020 Payment Rate General / HU*
Not part of a CNMP	
≤ 100 acres	\$1,820 / \$2,184
101-300 acres	\$2,472 / \$2,912
>300 acres	\$3,034 / \$3,641
Element of a CNMP	
≤ 100 acres	\$3,034 / \$3,641
101-300 acres	\$4,247 / \$5,097
>300 acres	\$5,157 / \$6,189

*Historically Underserved

Applications are being accepted on a continuous basis.

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