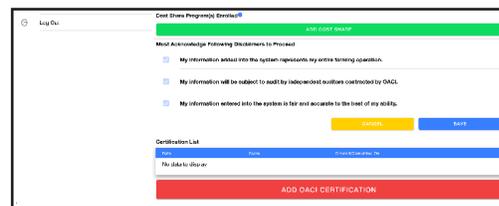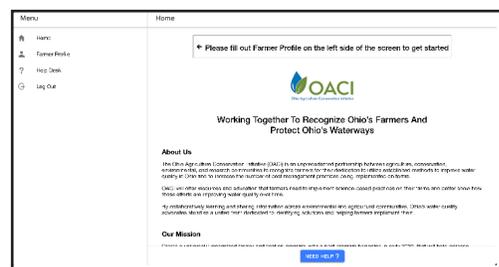# BECOME CERTIFIED IN OACI'S
FARMER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Certification is now live for the Ohio Agriculture Conservation Initiative (OACI) Farmer Certification Program, which will help farmers take conservation programs to the next level.

You must first enroll in the program by completing a farmer profile. Once you've enrolled, follow the steps below to become OACI Certified.

TO GET STARTED:

1. Download the app (**OACI CERTIFICATIONS**) through the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Or visit www.OhioACI.org.

2. On OhioACI.org or in the app, scroll down to Farmer Certification Program and click **BECOME OACI CERTIFIED**.

3. Once signed in, click on **FARMER PROFILE** on the left side of the screen.

4. Any information missing will be listed at the bottom. Once all required fields are complete, click **ADD OACI CERTIFICATION**.
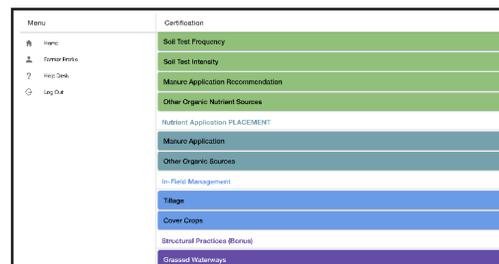

TO COMPLETE YOUR CERTIFICATION:

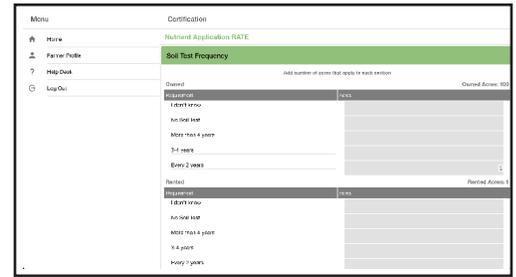5. Complete the information in each of the following sections:

01.   NUTRIENT APPLICATION RATE

Complete the information in each of the following sections:
Note: Not all sections will appear for each profile as some practices/ nutrients may not be used in every operation.

- Soil Test Frequency – Add the number of acres that apply to each section (I don't know; no soil test; more than 4 years; 3-4 years; every 2 years) for both rented and owned land.

- Soil Test Intensity – Add the number of acres that apply to each section (I don't know; composite sample, more than 25 acres; composite sample, less than 25 acres; zone, by soil type or management, up to 12 acres; grid up to 6 acres) for both rented and owned land.

- **Manure Application Rate** – Add the number of acres that apply to each section (I don't know; no recommendation; phosphorous recommendation; CNMP, DLEP, 590 approved plan) for both rented and owned land.

- **Other Organic Nutrient Sources** – Add the number of acres that apply to each section (I don't know; no recommendation; phosphorous recommendation; CNMP, DLEP, 590 approved plan) for both rented and owned land.

02.   NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLACEMENT

- **Manure Application** – Add the number of acres that apply to each section (surface without incorporation; surface placement plus incorporation 24 hours; subsurface placement; surface placement in growing crop or cover crop; subsurface placement on growing crop) for both rented and owned land.

- **Other Organic Sources** – Add the number of acres that apply to each section (surface without incorporation; surface placement plus incorporation 24 hours; subsurface placement; surface placement in growing crop or cover crop; subsurface placement on growing crop) for both rented and owned land.
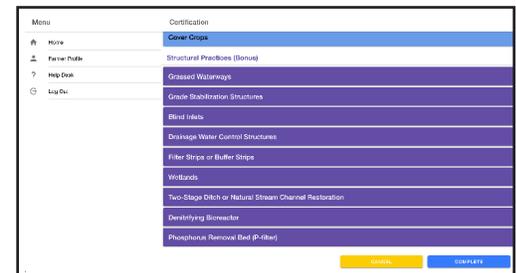
03.   IN-FIELD MANAGEMENT

- **Tillage** – Add the number of acres that apply to each section (conventional till, minimum residue 6-12 inches deep till; conservation till, over 30% residue, 1-6 inches deep till; strip-till, less than 6 inches wide; no till).

- **Cover Crops** – Add the number of acres that apply to each section (no cover crop. 100% winter kill; overwintering mix; fall seeded grain; hay/alfalfa) for both rented and owned land.
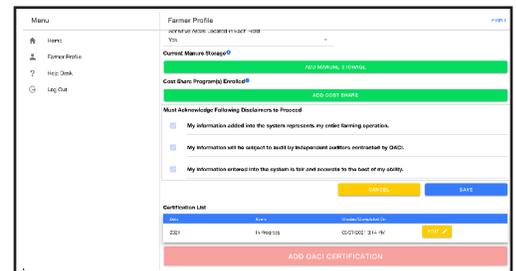
04.   STRUCTURAL PRACTICES (BONUS)

Add the number of units for the following:

- Grassed Waterways
- Grade Stabilization Structures
- Blind Inlets
- Drainage Water Control Structures
- Filter Strips or Buffer Strips
- Wetlands
- Two-State Ditch or Natural Stream Channel Restoration
- Denitrifying Bioreactor
- Phosphorus Removal Bed (P-filter)

6. Once all sections are filled in, click **COMPLETE**. You will then be taken to the scoring page where you can see a breakdown of how you score in each category and overall.

Your certification status will be listed at the bottom of the Farmer Profile page with the year, score and date and time created/completed. If you have any questions, please contact nicole@ofswcd.org.

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