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**2025 Crop Year** (This is for anyone who is currently enrolled in H2Ohio)

In the H2Ohio world, 2025 crop year is completed! Any fertilizer that is put on at this point moving forward is considered 2026 crop year. If you haven’t done so already, please collect your **fertilizer invoices and records** for 2025 crop year and turn them in. *(Any phosphorus or nitrogen applied fall 24-spring 25)* You can drop them off in the office or you may email PDF copies. On the record sheet, please provide: **Field Name, Crop planted, Fertilizer product applied, Application Method, and Rate applied.**

**\*\*This MUST be completed before you can Enroll for 2026-2027 H2Ohio contract!!!\*\***

**2026-2027 Contracts (Anyone interested in enrolling!)**

Exciting news! We are officially going to open enrollment for another 2-year contract! Enrollment will be for existing and new producers. An existing producer will have the ability to enroll new acres. This will be a time crunch to get enrolled, and we will have a cut off date. Please think about enrolling sooner rather than later.

*Please read the separate documents to review the new Practices and Payrates*

**Contract Time Line:**

***Field Enrollment will open September 15th to Dec. 8th OR until 1.4million acres are enrolled. It is first come first serve!*** You can only enroll by making an appointment to come in the office to complete in person. **Call/Email and make an appointment before coming in to enroll!!** This will be a busy time, making an appointment will ensure you can get in and out in a timely manner.

Field Enrollment is simply enrolling acres into the program. You DO NOT have to have your plan completed at Field Enrollment. There will be a separate deadline for finishing your Nutrient Management Plan.

Nutrient Management Plan (VNMP and CNMP) will also be open to start creating on September 15th. This will be open until **March 2nd, 2026.**

**What you need to have prepared for NMP Development**

(You do not need this information for field enrollment. You will need ALL this information before starting to create your NMP)

In order to have a smooth successful enrollment please prepare the following

1. **Updated Soil Tests**
   1. 2023-Now would be the best. I can upload 2022, but they must get a new test before 2027 crop year begins. You must pull tests before any fertilizer is applied fall 2026.
2. **Manure Analysis**
   1. It needs to be a 2023 analysis or more recent. This will help make any manure recommendations for the new two-year contract.
   2. If you plan to apply this fall, reach out ASAP. You will still need to get a recommended rate. If you do not, you are risking the possibility of over applying and not getting ANY H2Ohio fertilizer payments.
3. **Fertilizer Application Plan**
   1. Come with a plan in mind. It will be incredibly efficient if you know what fertilizer products you plan to apply. *\*We will not be using any shapefiles for application maps. Please bring or email pdf copies\**
4. **Crop Rotation** 
   1. We understand that plans may change. Regardless, we must create a 2-year crop rotation for us to build a plan with. Additionally, know what you would like your yield goals to be.

**Fall 2025 Cover Crops (2026 H2Ohio Practice)**

There are a few key things to keep in mind when planning to enroll into the H2Ohio Cover Crop practice.

1. Refer to the **NRCS Appendix A Seeding Chart** to know what cover crops qualify for practice payments and what mixes can be created in order to be compliant.
   1. 50% of the mix must be overwintering (your seeding rate must add up to 100%)
2. You must have 2 pieces of documentation for verification
   1. Germ Test or Seed Tag
      1. Bin Run seed must have a germ test
      2. If you would like to send in samples to ODA, they are no longer free… they now cost $30 a sample.
   2. Picture
   3. Invoice
   4. Data Map

**Fall 2025 Manure (2026 H2Ohio Practice)**

I know some of you have already started applying manure this fall. Please make sure you are checking in with SWCD so you do not risk over applying. Read the manure standard carefully to know when you can apply and what requirements you must follow in order to be compliant with the manure practice. Most fall applications require a cover crop after to be compliant in the manure practice! Please reach out to learn more about being in compliance with this practice.

**New Contact Info:** We now have a SWCD cell phone where you can call **or text**! SWCD Cell: **419-605-7203**

Thank you,

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