

Nutrient Management Farmer Education Grants: Program Basics

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection awards grants for local organizations to perform nutrient management training and assist producers with nutrient management plan development and implementation through the **Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE) Grant Program**.

GOAL: To enable farmers to write their own 590 compliant nutrient management plans, ultimately to improve soil and water resources as well as maximize crop yield and farm profitability.

WHO?

- ✓ Conservation districts
- ✓ County, state and federal agriculture or natural resource agencies
- ✓ Technical colleges and universities
- ✓ University of Wisconsin-Extension offices
- ✓ Nonprofit or lake organizations
- ✓ Other local groups interested in protecting water quality such as producer led groups

WHAT?

- ✓ **Tier 1** funding: Provide nutrient management training to producers and plan writers to develop 590 compliant nutrient management plans.
 - Training includes: workshops, farm mapping that shows soil types and nutrient application restriction areas, soil testing and manure spreader calibration. Training focuses on using SnapPlus software for nutrient management planning.
 - Tier 1 funding can be used for participant payments to complete soil testing or to attend training as well as for administrative, training and support costs
- ✓ **Tier 2** funding: Offer nutrient management training and education but developing a 590 compliant plan isn't required.
 - Tier 2 funding can be used for administrative, training and support costs

WHEN?

- ✓ Applications will be accepted annually and are **available by January 31st** of every year, with applications **due on April 15th** of that same year.

GRANT AWARDS?

- ✓ Tier 1 grants: maximum of **\$20,000**.
- ✓ Tier 2 grants: maximum of **\$2,500**.

On our webpage

- ✓ Applications & Instructions
- ✓ Nutrient Management Planning Resources
- ✓ Link to SnapPlus download
- ✓ Extension Requests
- ✓ Pre- & Post-Workshop Questionnaires
- ✓ Final Report Template

For more information, please visit the DATCP webpage and search for NMFE grants:

<http://datcp.wi.gov/>



Questions?

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