

GRANT COUNTY
CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING DEPT
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Application for Farmland Preservation Program

Instructions

Please complete this Farmland Preservation Program Application.

Except for claimants with agreements prior to 2004 not amended to the new standards, all FPP tax credits claimants can only certify that they are in compliance on their tax return if the farm:

- (1) Complies with the NR 151 state agricultural performance standards and prohibitions incorporated into ATCP 50 (state conservation standards).

You must complete this form and return it to the Grant County Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Department. When you are able to certify that you comply with the NR 151 Statewide Agricultural Performance Standards, a field visit will be scheduled to verify compliance. Once compliance has been verified, a Notice of Compliance will be issued.

Landowner Information

(To be completed by landowner)

To claim the farmland preservation tax credit under subch. IX of ch. 71, Stats, this completed certificate of compliance must be submitted with your tax return filed with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, beginning in tax year 2010 if you did not claim a tax credit for the preceding year.

LANDOWNER(S)

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

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PHONE:

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E-MAIL

-Enter Property Information on Reverse-

Please complete the table on the following page for all parcels under common ownership regardless of whether you are eligible to claim the farmland preservation tax credit on all parcels. Contact the Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Department to confirm whether your land is located in a farmland preservation zoning district (FP district) and whether you have a farmland preservation agreement (FP agreement). Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Conservation Compliance Status

For each of the listed standards, please check the box that best characterizes the farm on which you are claiming a tax credit. If you have multiple structures or facilities, you must consider them all in answering each question.

Standards	In compliance	Will achieve compliance*	Does not apply
<i>Cropland</i>			
Cropped fields meet tolerable soil loss ("T")	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A nutrient management plan has been developed and implemented according to NRCS 590 standard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Livestock: Manure Storage Facilities</i>			
All facilities constructed or substantially altered after 1999 meet the NRCS 313 standard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All facilities have no visible signs of leakage or failure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All facilities are maintained to prevent overflow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For a storage facility that has not had manure added or removed within 24 months, it has been closed according to standards or continued use has been approved	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Livestock: Clean Water Diversion</i>			
Runoff is diverted away from all feedlots, manure storage areas, and barnyards within water quality management areas (WQMA**)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Livestock: Manure Management Prohibitions</i>			
There are no unconfined manure piles in the WQMA**	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are no channels or other indicators of significant discharge from a feedlot or stored manure into waters of the state	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There is self-sustaining sod or vegetative cover adequate to preserve streambank or lakeshore integrity in areas where livestock have access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Check this box if you are prepared to take the necessary actions to come into compliance, beginning with an assessment of your farm if you are unsure of your compliance status. You must come into compliance regardless of whether cost-sharing is available. You are responsible for contacting Grant County CSZD for technical and other assistance to meet your compliance responsibilities. For additional help, consult the attached guidance.

Certification and Signatures

The landowner(s) certify that the qualifying acres are part of a farm that is in compliance with the applicable conservation standards or that compliance with the standards will be achieved, as indicated above.

Landowner

Date

Landowner

Date

Please return to: Grant County Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Dept

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Guidance on determining conservation compliance status

1. For each of the state standards listed, you must check the box that best characterizes the farm on which you are claiming a tax credit. If your farm does not have livestock or related facilities described in a particular standard, check the "Does not apply" box. Even if you do not claim a tax credit for part of your farm, you must answer questions about your compliance status for all structures and practices located on all of your land.
2. You can consider your farm in compliance with a standard based on prior self-certifications of compliance, a farm inspection or assessment, or information provided to you. In the case of nutrient management, you may have a record of compliance in the form of signed checklist. You may have received cost-sharing for the installation of practice(s) that achieve compliance such as a barnyard runoff control system. Also, you may have received an official determination of compliance through the issuance of a permit (e.g. manure storage, livestock siting, WPDES).
3. If you are not in compliance with any of the standards, you must be prepared to take the necessary actions to come into compliance so you can become eligible for your tax credit. You will be required to develop and follow a schedule of compliance for each standard that you do not meet.
4. Regarding the cropland standards, you should consider all fields on your farm covered by a nutrient management plan. You can use SNAP Plus, RUSLE2 or other methods to determine if you are in compliance with the sheet and rill erosion standard. To determine if you have a nutrient management plan that meets standards, you need a signed Nutrient Management Plan Checklist or a plan that has the following components: current soil tests conducted by DATCP certified lab, planned and actual nutrient applications that follow NRCS 590 restrictions, a map, nutrient applications planned over the entire rotation, fields that meet T and have no signs of gully erosion.
5. Regarding the standards related to manure storage facilities, you should consider all of the storage structures on your farm. If one of the structures does not meet a particular standard, then you cannot mark that your farm is in compliance for that standard. Grant County has an Animal Waste Storage & Nutrient Utilization Ordinance. All storage facilities built or altered after May 19, 1999 must have obtained a building permit prior to construction
6. Regarding the standards related to clean water diversion and the manure management prohibitions, you consider all feedlots, barnyards, and storage structures on your farm. If one of the structures or facilities does not meet a particular standard, then you cannot mark that your farm is in compliance for that standard. Two of the standards apply only to a farm located in a Water Quality Management Area (WQMA**), which is defined as 300 feet from a stream, 1,000 feet from a lake, or in areas susceptible to groundwater contamination. In considering compliance with the prohibition involving overgrazing of livestock near a stream or lakeshore, this prohibition does not apply to properly designed, installed, and maintained livestock or farm equipment crossings.