

ATTENTION LIVESTOCK OWNERS

REMINDER!

As required by law, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture adopted regulations in March 2009 that require all livestock farm owners to responsibly manage the manure generated on their operations – including those with horses, dairy cows, cattle, swine, goats, sheep, poultry and all other domesticated species defined as livestock.

The regulations require:

- All farms with any livestock to comply with the **General Requirements** of the rule.
- All operations with 8 to 299 “Animal Units” (one Animal Unit = 1,000 pounds) to develop an Animal Waste Management Plan by September 2010.

Operations with 8 to 299 “Animal Units” with animal **densities greater than 1 AU per acre** are required to have their Animal Waste Management Plan reviewed to ensure conformance with the NJ-Field Office Technical Guide (NJ-FOTG). The FOTG describes Best Management Practices for manure management on livestock farms. Those farms with densities less than 1 AU per acre only need to submit their Declaration page to their local RCE office.

- Operations with 300 or more AUs, regardless of animal density, are required to develop and implement a CNMP and be certified by the NJDA.
- Farms that receive or apply 142 or more tons of animal waste per year must develop an Animal Waste Management Plan.

➤ **Key Deadlines:**

- **March 2010 - All farms must comply with the General Requirements**
- **Sept. 2010 - Animal Waste Management Plans must be developed**
- **March 2012 - Animal Waste Management Plans must be implemented**

Rutgers Cooperative Extension has provided training for livestock farmers during the spring and fall of 2009 and the winter of 2010 to assist them in developing Animal Waste Management Plans.

Please contact the following offices or visit <http://njaes.rutgers.edu/animal-waste-management/meetings.asp> for additional information.

Hunterdon County Extension Office:	(908) 788-1338
Salem County Extension Office:	(856) 769-0090
Sussex County Extension Office:	(973) 948-3040
Burlington County Extension Office:	(609) 265-5050

A list of Extension offices and contact information may be found at <http://njaes.rutgers.edu>.

