

NMP vs. CNMP and Third Party Vendors

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NMP vs. CNMP

- NMP (Nutrient Management Plan): A conservation practice developed based on the NRCS 590 Nutrient Management Practice Standard.
 - Managing the amount, source, placement, form and timing of the application of nutrients and soil amendments.
 - NRCS requires a professional agronomy certification or completion of NRCS recognized training and education or experience as the minimum qualifications to develop a 590 plan.

NMP vs. CNMP

- CNMP (Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan): A conservation plan that is unique to livestock operations which identifies resource concerns and conservation planning alternatives.
 - Developed based on the policy guidance located in the NRCS National Planning Procedures Handbook (NPPH) Part 600.5

NMP vs. CNMP

- A CNMP Must Address
 - Manure and Wastewater Handling and Storage
 - Land Treatment Practices
 - Nutrient Management
 - Record Keeping
- A CNMP May Also Address
 - Feed Management
 - Other Utilization Activities

NMP vs. CNMP

- CNMP Certification - To certify a CNMP for cost sharing purposes an individual must possess **ONE** of the following:
 - CNMP Plan Approval: possess NRCS recognized certification as a conservation planner and completion of approved training in the development of a CNMP.
 - CNMP Plan Development – Total Plan: possess a Professional Engineering License and completion of approved training in the development of a CNMP.

CNMP Component Certifications

- Manure and Wastewater Handling and Storage
 - Requires a Professional Engineering License or Engineering Job Approval for public sector employees
 - CNMP Plan Development Training/Proficiency
- Land Treatment
 - CNMP Plan Development Training/Proficiency
- Feed Management
 - Credentials as a Livestock Feed Management Professional
 - CNMP Plan Development Training/Proficiency

CNMP Certification

UWEX has submitted the WI training for TechReg certification. Approval would allow participants to certify for:

- CNMP Plan Development – Land Treatment
- CNMP Plan Development – Manure and Waste Water Handling and Storage (engineering license required)
- CNMP Plan Development – Nutrient Management
- CNMP Total Plan Development (engineering license required)

CNMP Certification

UWEX has submitted the WI training for TechReg certification. Approval would **NOT** allow participants to certify for:

- CNMP Plan Approval (requires completion of Conservation Planning NRCS Training Modules 1-9 (WI UWEX Conservation Planning training will be submitted for separate TechReg approval by 02/06).
- CNMP Plan Development – Feed Management (a separate training will likely be developed in cooperation with WI UWEX).

CNMP Certification

- A listing of "Recognized" Private Sector CNMP Planners has been posted on the Wisconsin NRCS website (http://www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/private_cnmp.html)
 - Listed planners are eligible to complete CNMP's for EQIP cost sharing
 - Planners that have completed the training but are not listed need to follow up with me to verify training records

CNMP, NMP Third Party Vendors

- NRCS has been challenged to implement a "voluntary" CNMP process to assist livestock producers to comply with environmental regulations.
 - Must carry out without additional staff
 - Most effective to include professionals already utilized by the livestock producer
 - Use financial incentives to producer or Technical Service Provider funding to implement

FY-05 CNMP Accomplishments

- Wisconsin NRCS reported a total of 163 CNMP's written in FY-05
 - 74 required for EQIP funded manure storage
 - 16 written by Discovery Farms on members farms
 - 30 completed by private contractor
 - 46 other local planning activities

CNMP Cost Sharing

- FY-2006 Local Work Group (Field Office) based CNMP-CLFP sign up is underway through 12/30/05.
 - Highest ranked applications will be selected for contract development.
 - DC's are being encouraged to share the list of TechReg and WI NRCS "Recognized" CNMP planners with potential CNMP-CLFP applicants.

FY-06 CNMP Cost Sharing

- Development of CNMP-CLFP: 70% of actual cost not to exceed \$10,000
 - Cost to develop 590 nutrient management plan portion of the plan is not eligible for calculating the 70% cost sharing payment.
- \$2000 flat rate payment to participant upon completion of the CNMP-CLFP to cover record keeping and time spent to develop the plan.
 - CNMP-CLFP not eligible for TSP TA payment

Private Sector Role

- NRCS' goal is to stimulate private sector participation in the CNMP planning process.
 - NRCS employees cannot participate in the development of CNMP's that are funded through the EQIP incentive payment.
 - NRCS is relying on private sector planners to help explain the benefits of a CNMP to livestock producers.

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