

An approved Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan (VNMP) is required for all cropland enrolled in H2Ohio.



### **Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan (VNMP) Basic or Precision**

**\$10/Ac.** for Basic VNMP - (<25 Composite Samples)

**\$15/Ac.** for Precision VNMP - (Grid <6ac. or Zone <12ac.)

- Soil tests must be no older than four years.
- Phosphorus rates shall not exceed more than a two-year recommendation, per Tri-State Fertilizer Recommendations
- VNMP may be developed by an ag retailer, independent crop consultant, or producer.



### **Overwintering Cover - \$40/Ac.**

- Establish crops that provided overwintering cover according to NRCS Appendix A.
- The Overwinter Cover can be harvested as a grain or forage.
- Overwintering Cover must be maintained until March 15 of the contracted crop year.
- 50% of the mixes must be overwintering species for cover crops.



### **Subsurface Phosphorus Placement -\$20/Ac.**

- All phosphorus applied must be placed.
- Fields that receive broadcast applications of phosphorus fertilizer are not eligible for this practice until the applied nutrients are utilized through crop removal.
- Producers may be eligible for payment when recommendations are made for the field, but nutrients are not applied.



### **Manure Incorporation & Utilization**

**\$35/Ac.** for dry manure or litter

**\$60/Ac.** for all liquid manure

**\$15/Ac. Bonus** - fields that have a field average of less than 25 ppm Mehlich-III

- All manure applications must be completed by November 1
- Manure application may be achieved through 9 different methods and timings of applications.





# Program Overview

## Overview:

Ohio Department of Agriculture's H2Ohio program provides cost-share funding for farmers to implement proven, science-based best management practices (BMPs). Your Local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will work with you to develop a plan to determine what practices will meet your goals and needs on your farm.

H2Ohio is Governor Mike DeWine's comprehensive, data-driven water quality plan to reduce harmful algal blooms, improve wastewater infrastructure, and prevent lead contamination. ODA is leading efforts to minimize agricultural loss of nutrients from farm fields.

## Program Benefits:

The H2Ohio program provides producers with financial and technical assistance to implement conservation practices.

- Reducing financial risks of trying new conservation practices on their cropland
- Increasing the effectiveness of recommended systems or individual conservation practices
- Scheduling practices that fit the cooperators' timetable and resources

Together, the SWCD and the producers are working to reduce phosphorus loading by implementing conservation practices and may reduce nutrient applications on their cropland.

## Eligibility:

Producers in Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Hardin, Hancock, Lucas, Mercer, Putnam, Paulding, Van Wert, Williams and Wood Counties.



## How do I enroll?

Please visit or contact Lucas SWCD to learn more or enroll at 3350 Hill Ave., Suite K, Toledo, Ohio 43607 or (419) 893-1966.

## Best Management Practices:

Practices have been modified to better suit the needs of producers. A Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan (VNMP) is required for all cropland enrolled in H2Ohio.

Practice	Cost-Share
Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan Implementation	\$10/Ac. - Basic \$15/Ac. - Precision
Subsurface Phosphorus Placement	\$20/Ac.
Manure Incorporation and Utilization	\$35/Ac. - Poultry litter and solid Manure \$60/Ac. - Liquid Manure
Overwintering Cover	\$40/Ac.

For More Information:  
Visit <http://H2.ohio.gov> to learn more about H2Ohio. (QR Code for Practice Info)



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