

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 cooperator's 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 your local Soil and Water Conservation District for more information.



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.



