

IT'S GOOD TO HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE WHEN WORKING WITH FARM ANIMALS—It also helps to know which way the wind is blowing when farmers are spreading manure.

Maryland farmers store manure in the winter to protect against runoff. March 1 is the earliest they can recycle manure as a natural crop fertilizer and soil conditioner. Protecting streams and reducing odors are top priorities. Farmers use special equipment to work manure into the soil while planting windbreaks and buffers to trap dust and sediment.

This helps keep runoff out of streams—and odors away from noses. Learn more at **mda.maryland.gov/manurehappens** 

