

Maryland's 24 Soil Conservation Districts

Allegany	301-777-1747, ext. 3
Anne Arundel	410-571-6757
Baltimore County	410-527-5920, ext. 3
Calvert	410-535-1521, ext. 3
Caroline	410-479-1202, ext. 3
Carroll	410-848-8200, ext. 3
Catoctin	301-695-2803, ext. 3
Cecil	410-398-4411, ext. 3
Charles	301-638-3028
Dorchester	410-228-5640, ext. 3
Frederick	301-695-2803, ext. 3
Garrett	301-501-5856, ext. 3
Harford	410-638-4828
Howard	410-313-0680
Kent	410-778-5150, ext. 3
Montgomery	301-590-2855
Prince George's	301-574-5162, ext. 3
Queen Anne's	410-758-3136, ext. 3
St. Mary's	301-475-8402, ext. 3
Somerset	410-621-9310
Talbot	410-822-1577, ext. 5
Washington County	301-797-6821, ext. 3
Wicomico	410-546-4777, ext. 3
Worcester	410-632-5439, ext. 3



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Providing Grants to Help Farmers Manage Manure



What is the Manure Transport Program?

Maryland's Manure Transport Program is a popular cost-share program that helps poultry, dairy, beef, and other livestock producers manage manure resources more efficiently, comply with their nutrient management plans, and protect water quality in nearby streams, rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay. Producers and manure brokers may apply for cost-share grants to transport manure to certain fields within their own operations, to other farms, or to alternative use facilities that can use the manure in an environmentally safe manner.



Who Can Apply

- Operations that can use the manure as a nutrient source based on the farm's current nutrient management plan
- Manure brokers registered with the Maryland Department of Agriculture
- Alternative use facilities/operations

Now Less Paperwork—More Hauling



Grants to Transport Poultry Litter

Farmers may apply for grants to move poultry litter using either a standard application or the **Fast Track** application, a time-saving cost-share option that provides farmers with grant approval to transport poultry litter in as little as 48 hours. In both instances, the following rules apply:

- Qualifying farmers receive up to \$18 per ton to transport poultry litter
- The sending farm must be located in Maryland and raise broiler chickens for one of the Delmarva poultry companies
- Poultry litter must be transported **more than 7 miles** from the sending farm
- Transported poultry litter must be land-applied as a nutrient source for an agricultural crop, **OR** sent to an approved alternative use facility

Standard Grant Application to Transport Poultry Litter

- Farmers apply through the local soil conservation district
- Registered manure brokers apply directly to the Maryland Department of Agriculture
- The applicant submits a current nutrient management plan that contains:
 - Nitrogen-based nutrient recommendations

for fields with a soil phosphorus Fertility Index Value that is 100 or less

—Phosphorus-based nutrient recommendations for fields with a soil phosphorus Fertility Index Value between 101 and 150.

- Receiving farm fields with a phosphorus Fertility Index Value that is greater than 150 are **not** eligible to participate in this program.

Fast Track Grant Application to Transport Poultry Litter

- Farmers and manure brokers apply directly to the Maryland Department of Agriculture
- Applications may be downloaded at mda.maryland.gov/manure
- Grants are approved in as little as 48 hours
- The receiving farm must not generate manure
- The farm's Nutrient Management Plan **does not** need to be submitted
- Farmers submit a soil analysis and map showing fields where poultry litter will be applied
- Poultry litter must be applied to fields where corn will be grown
- Qualifying corn fields must have a phosphorus Fertility Index Value of 100 or less
- Receiving farms will be approved to apply up to 3 tons of poultry litter per acre



Grants to Transport Dairy and Livestock Manure (Excluding Horses)

A new simplified application process is now in place for dairy and other non-poultry livestock producers who need to move manure:

- Cost-share grants pay up to 87.5 percent of all eligible costs
- Payment rates are based on the transport distance and type of manure, either liquid or solid
- Receiving farm fields are required to have a soil phosphorus Fertility Index Value (FIV) of 100 or less*
- Manure must be transported **more than 1 mile** from the sending source
- Only operations receiving the manure may apply for transport grants
- Manure must be applied to crops or hay fields containing less than 25 percent legumes

*Dairy farmers who want to submit a phosphorus-based nutrient management plan to apply manure to fields with a soil phosphorus Fertility Index Value between 101 and 150, should contact the MACS office directly to apply for transport grants.

Application Rates

Grants to transport dairy and livestock manure are based on the following maximum application rates:

- 6,000 gallons per acre for liquid/slurry manure
- 10 tons per acre for solid/semi-solid manure



Ready, Set, Haul!

Farmers should visit their local soil conservation district to apply for manure transport grants. Farmers interested in applying for **48-Hour Fast Track** grants to haul poultry litter may download applications and claims for payment directly from the department's website at mda.maryland.gov/manure. In all instances, an agreement must be approved by the department before the manure is transported.

Manure Matching Service

A free Manure Matching Service connects poultry and livestock farmers with other farmers or alternative use projects that can use manure as a valuable resource. The Service is available to both sending and receiving farms. Call 410-841-5864 or visit mda.maryland.gov/manure to register with the Service.

