

# Manure Happens



**IT'S A FACT OF LIFE ON THE FARM**—an inescapable element of the food production process. But centuries ago, farmers learned that this plentiful resource makes a great natural fertilizer and soil conditioner. Today, farmers still use manure to grow their crops while using the latest environmental practices to protect water quality in streams, rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. Learn more.



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