WHEN TAKING SELFIES IN COW COUNTRY, IT’S SMART TO WATCH YOUR STEP—It’s smarter still, to know which way the wind is blowing when farmers are spreading manure on their fields.

To help protect local streams from runoff, Maryland does not allow manure to be spread in winter or when the ground is frozen. March 1 is the earliest farmers can recycle manure generated over the winter to fertilize their crops. The smell isn’t so bad—as long as you’re upwind. The good news is it usually goes away in a day or two. Learn more.

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