HEALTHY FARMING PRACTICES are not only in style, they are in demand. On Maryland’s Eastern Shore, farmers recycle chicken manure as a natural crop fertilizer and soil conditioner.

Keeping manure away from waterways is a big deal. Some farmers till manure into the soil to reduce odors and nutrient losses. Farmers using no-till practices to improve their soil’s health spread manure on top of their fields. These farmers are required to install wider buffer zones and other measures to protect local streams. Either way, healthy farming practices never go out of style. Learn more.

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