

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	301-334-6950, ext. 3
Harford	410-838-6181, ext. 3
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. 3
Washington County	301-797-6821, ext. 3
Wicomico	410-546-4777, ext. 3
Worcester	410-632-5439, ext. 3



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Conservation Grants Program

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Introduction



Maryland's Manure

Transport Program helps

poultry, dairy, beef and

other livestock producers with manure comply with their nutrient management plans.

Animal producers with high soil phosphorus

levels or not enough land to handle all their

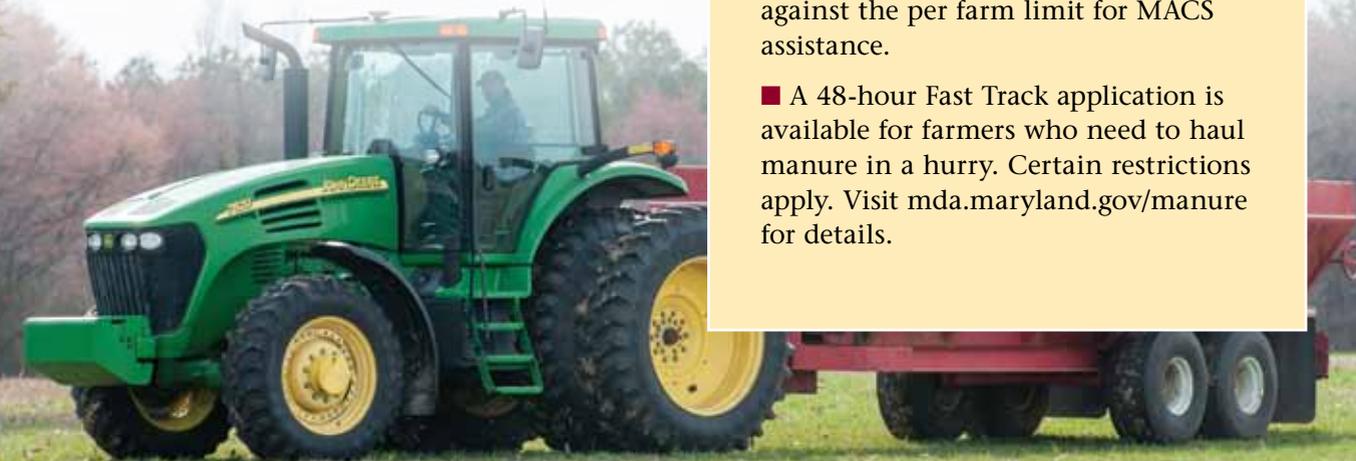
manure, may apply for cost-share grants

to transport manure within their own

operations, to other farms, or to alternative

use facilities that can use the product in an

environmentally safe manner.



Cost-Share Highlights

Maryland's Manure Transport Program is administered by the Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share (MACS) Program. The following guidelines apply:

- Cost-share grants of up to \$18 per ton are available to help cover transportation, loading and handling costs associated with moving manure from poultry, dairy, beef or other animal operations.
- There are no maximum funding levels to transport poultry litter.
- Delmarva poultry companies provide 50 percent of the cost to transport poultry litter.
- The maximum amount of cost-share to transport other types of manure is \$30,000 per year, per operation (\$15,000 for spring and \$15,000 for fall applications).
- Grants associated with the transport and handling of non-poultry manure may not exceed 87.5 percent of eligible costs.
- Funds provided are not calculated against the per farm limit for MACS assistance.
- A 48-hour Fast Track application is available for farmers who need to haul manure in a hurry. Certain restrictions apply. Visit mda.maryland.gov/manure for details.

Who Can Apply

- Farm operations that produce manure and have insufficient land to use the product.
- Farm operations that can use manure safely as a nutrient source based on a current nutrient management plan.
- Farm operations that produce manure but need to transport it (more than seven miles for poultry litter and more than one mile for all other types of manure) due to phosphorus over-enrichment in production fields within these distances.
- Manure brokers registered with the department.
- Alternative use facilities/operations.



Requirements for Sending Operations

- Poultry producers who want to transport litter within their own operations must transport the product a minimum of seven miles from the poultry house or storage facility.
- Other animal producers may be eligible for grants to transport manure within their own operations, if the manure is moved more than one mile from the production or storage facility.
- Manure must be analyzed to determine nitrogen and phosphorus levels before transporting.
- A current nutrient management plan is required.
- Biosecurity measures outlined by the Maryland Department of Agriculture must be followed for all transported manure.

Requirements for Receiving Farm Operations

- Receiving farms may apply manure according to a nitrogen-based nutrient management plan for soil that tests less than 101 for phosphorus according to the Fertility Index Value (FIV). The FIV is used to determine the availability of nutrients to plants or crops.
- A phosphorus-based nutrient management plan is required for soil registering 101-150 on the FIV.
- Fields measuring over 150 on the FIV are not eligible to receive manure through this program.
- The receiving farm must provide a safe off-loading site that does not pose an undue risk to water quality, as determined by the Maryland Department of Agriculture.
- If the receiving farm does not apply the manure upon receipt, the manure must be stored safely or stockpiled to prevent nutrient movement.
- Additional rules and requirements may apply.

How to Apply

Farmers interested in participating in Maryland's Manure Transport Program should contact their local soil conservation district or call the department's toll free hotline at 1-855-6MANURE. An approved agreement must be signed before the manure is transported. Farmers who are interested in transporting poultry litter in as little as 48 hours should check out the department's Fast Track grants for poultry litter transport at mda.maryland.gov/manure.

