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.
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.