



FARMER TRAINING & CERTIFICATION IN-PERSON
For Agronomic Crop and Animal Operations
March 14, 15, and 22nd:
“Write Your Own Nutrient Management Plan”



Description: An opportunity for producers with cropland and pastures in Maryland who use commercial fertilizer and/or manure to learn how to write nutrient management plans (NMPs) for their operation that meet Maryland Department of Agriculture’s regulations.

Please Advise: The course is composed of three required in-person work days at the Maryland Department of Agriculture (Annapolis, MD). Larger, more complicated farm operations and those with high phosphorus soil test levels may require additional training. *Farmers should have soil and manure analyses prior to the second week of training.* **Before registering, ensure you have the required materials and skills:**

| Required Materials/Technology: | Required Skills: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reliable internet connection• Email address• Computer with Windows 7 or later (NuMan Pro software is not compatible with Mac)• Printer• Microsoft Word and Excel• PDF reader software (Adobe acrobat or similar) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competency in high school math• Intermediate computer skills including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Familiarity with web browsing○ Experience with MS Office programs (Word, Excel), PDF readers (Adobe Acrobat or similar)○ Ability to download/open/save/retrieve computer files○ Ability to learn a new software program (NuMan Pro) |

You will receive:

- **A comprehensive training binder** –Consists of all materials referenced throughout the course, compiled in one place. The binder materials will be used during the class, serve as a reference during the exam, and as a valuable resource when you write future NMPs for your farm.
- **NuMan Pro software**
- **Certification** – Producers who pass the exam and complete development of their NMP will be certified by MDA to write their own NMPs.
- **Voucher training credits** – This class will fulfill the nutrient applicator voucher training requirements.

Cost and Registration Information

- Space is limited therefore, register early. **Registration will close on 3/8/24 or when capacity is reached.**
- Cost for the course is a \$20 exam fee (to be paid directly to MDA following registration, no later than 3/12/2024)
- To register for the session go to <https://go.umd.edu/ficmarch2024>
- An email confirmation will be sent after successful registration. This link will include further information and a link for lunch registration.

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