



Make your move with our...

# Grants to Haul Poultry Manure

Farmers, Businesses, and Manure Brokers:

## YOU'VE GOT THIS!

Maryland's Manure Transport Program can help you cover the cost of hauling poultry manure away from areas with high soil phosphorus levels.



We pay **up to \$28/ton** to truck manure to qualifying fields with acceptable soil phosphorus levels or alternative use projects that can use the product safely.



Farmers/businesses receiving the manure or registered manure brokers may apply for these grants.



You have two options for transport: FastTrack and Standard. (See page 2)

## Here's the Scoop...

- Our transport grants make it easy to switch from commercial fertilizer to poultry manure.
- Poultry manure delivers all the essential nutrients for strong, healthy crops.
- It adds organic matter to your soil for increased water and nutrient retention.
- Poultry manure makes an ideal fertilizer for corn, hay, and organic certified field crops.
- We offer cost-share grants for satellite storage facilities.
- Check out our tax breaks for qualifying conservation equipment.

#### FastTrack Transport Option

With our FastTrack grants, you can transport the manure straight away and apply for reimbursement afterward. Here's how it works:

- Use this grant option to transport poultry manure to receiving fields with a Maryland Soil Phosphorus Fertility Index Value (P-FIV) less than 101.
- You pay for delivery upfront and we'll reimburse you for eligible costs—up to \$28 per ton.
- Before you select this option, make sure you meet the FastTrack grant requirements outlined in the application.
- If your schedule allows, apply for this grant beforehand, and we will send you an approval letter within two weeks.
- Find everything you need on our website—from a list of manure brokers and haulers to application and claim forms. Go to mda.maryland.gov/manure

### **Standard Transport Option**

Our standard option to transport poultry manure is for receiving farms that do not meet our FastTrack requirements. This option requires approval **before** you transport the manure.

- The standard option provides **up to \$28 per ton** for poultry manure transport.
- Apply for this grant through your local soil conservation district.
- Registered manure brokers should apply directly to the Maryland Department of Agriculture.
- Submit relevant maps and soil tests from your current nutrient management plan with your application. You'll also need:
  - Nitrogen-based nutrient recommendations for fields with a P-FIV of 100 or less, or
  - Phosphorus-based nutrient recommendations for fields with a P-FIV between 101 and 150.
- Farm fields with a **P-FIV exceeding 150** are *not* eligible to participate in this program.



#### Poultry Manure Transport Rules

- Sending farms should be located in Maryland, raising broiler chickens for Delmarva poultry companies. If you have a different source of poultry manure, use the livestock manure application on our website to apply for our grants.
- Poultry manure must be transported over 7 miles from the sending farm, applied to crops as a nutrient source, or sent to an approved alternative-use business.
- Either the receiving farmer or broker may apply for reimbursement. You must make this determination beforehand.
- Please note MDA does not oversee financial transactions between buyers and sellers.
- For more details, visit mda.maryland.gov/manure or contact the Manure Transport Program at 410-841-5864.

Scan the QR code with your mobile device to visit our website.



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