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# JUMP START YOUR SPRING PLANTING

*with cost-share grants for manure injection*



**Cost-share grants** are now available from the Maryland Department of Agriculture to help farmers inject all types of liquid manure into their fields. Grants are available for spring or fall-planted crops and may be used to hire custom operators, rent or lease equipment, or offset operating costs associated with manure injection. Call or visit your soil conservation district to jump start your spring planting today!

## Advantages of Manure Injection

- ▶ Reduces odors and complaints from neighbors
- ▶ Reduces nitrogen volatilization—more nitrogen is available to crops
- ▶ Minimizes soil disturbance—helps prevent soil and nutrient losses
- ▶ Works well with no-till and strip-till systems

## Guidelines and Conditions

- ▶ Manure must be injected below the soil surface
- ▶ Grant applications must be approved **before** work begins
- ▶ Applicants must be in good standing with the Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share (MACS) Program and the Maryland Nutrient Management Program
- ▶ Additional restrictions may apply

## Manure Injection Eligible Cost-Share Expenses

Expense	Cost-Share Rate
Use of purchased injection equipment to inject manure	Up to \$45 an Acre (Must submit invoices)
Rent or lease manure injection equipment	
Hire a custom operator to inject manure	
Drop off/pick up of equipment	

### Not eligible for cost-share:

- ▶ Cost to transport manure from the storage structure to the tanker in the field using auxiliary equipment
- ▶ Cost to pump or agitate manure



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