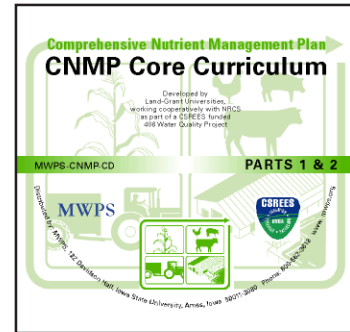


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Now Available from MWPS... CNMP Core Curriculum CD-ROM

Ames, Iowa — Iowa State University Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering has released a national core comprehensive nutrient management planning curriculum in a two CD-ROM set through MidWest Plan Service.



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Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMPs) are designed to help animal producers implement conservation planning on their farms to improve the management of farm resources. National USDA policy is that animal feeding operations should have a CNMP to be eligible to receive certain cost-share funding, such as Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) assistance. Producers can contact a Technical Service Provider, request the development of a CNMP and then potentially be reimbursed for a TSP's services with conservation program funds, depending on fund availability in their state.

Land grant universities from Iowa, Idaho, Indiana, Michigan and Tennessee worked cooperatively with the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to develop a national core CNMP educational curriculum and supporting course materials. This final product is a core CNMP training curriculum that includes instructor-ready training materials and comprises the basis for CNMP training courses for Technical Service Providers (TSPs). It also may be used as an independent study-aid and reference as a resource for the development of CNMPs. This project was funded by a grant from the USDA/CSREES through the Water Quality Extension Education Program.

"This curriculum was developed by building on the experience and strengths of each existing state course," Robert Burns, Iowa State University Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering associate

professor, said. *"The inclusion of NRCS personnel at both the state and national level ensured that the training curriculum and materials developed provide the necessary skill sets to satisfy the NRCS TSP certification standards."*

The core CNMP curriculum contains ten sections: Introduction to a CNMP, Conservation Planning & Biosecurity, Land Treatment Practices, Manure and Wastewater Storage and Handling, Nutrient Management, Feed Management, Record Keeping, Air Quality, Alternative Treatment/Utilization, and TSP Certification and Registration.

Complete in itself the two CD-ROM set contains: the curriculum, lesson plans, scripted- editable presentations, a workbook containing in-class exercises, an example CNMP, and a list of resource materials.

CNMP Core Curriculum, CNMP-CD, costs \$25.00 plus shipping and handling and may be ordered: **on-line** at www.mwps.org, by **e-mail** at mwps@iastate.edu, **by phone** at 800-562-3618 or 515-294-4337, **by fax** at 515-294-9589, or **by writing** MidWest Plan Service, 122 Davidson Hall, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011-3080.

The curriculum is also available for download by individual sections on the following website for free: http://www3.abe.iastate.edu/wastemgmt/cnmp_curriculum.htm.

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