

# Manure Management

## Virginia Agricultural Cost-Share Program (VACS)



### Practice Requirements and Rates

The cost-share payment, alone or if combined with any other cost-share payment, cannot exceed 75% of the total eligible cost.

If a participant receives cost-share, the participant may be eligible for State tax credit in the amount of 25% of eligible out of pocket expenses. Tax credit amount cannot to exceed \$25,000.

Cost-share reimbursement cannot exceed \$300,000. There is a variance process if additional funds are needed.

All manure management practices have a 15 year lifespan, beginning on January 1st of the calendar year following payment.

### What is Manure Management?

Manure management is the practice of using an animal waste facility to capture, store and manage waste from livestock or poultry operations. These facilities allow waste to be stored and spread at the proper time, rate and location reducing pollution and helping control surface runoff to improve water quality.

### Program Details

Animal waste facilities are designed based on the operation's needs and resource concerns. The following practices are available through the VACS program:

- Waste storage facilities
- Dairy loafing lot management system
- Mortality composter facilities
- Mortality incinerator facilities
- Concrete feeding pads
- Animal waste control facilities for confined livestock operations
- Loafing lot management system
- Seasonal feeding facilities

To be eligible for this practice, the landowner must be fully implementing a current nutrient management plan (NMP). The State has certified planners to write NMPs at no charge to producers.

### Contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District:

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**Shenandoah Valley: 540-534-3105**  
(Rockingham, Page, City of Harrisonburg)

**Headwaters: 540-248-0148**  
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