

Manure Application Fields and Manure Application Agreements

Manure from a concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) must not be spread on land that is not owned by the CAFO operator without a signed agreement that the landowner agrees to have the manure applied to the field. Even if the land is rented via a crop share or a farm lease, the landowner – not the tenant -- must enter into the Manure Application Agreement.

This agreement must be filed with the manure management plan. As a landowner, you have a right to request copies of the pages in the Manure Management Plan related to land described in Manure Application Agreement, including a map of the manure application fields.



Manure Application Agreement

Find a sample manure application agreement at www.extension.iastate.edu/immag/additional-resources under the heading “Example Manure Application Agreement Form”.

The agreement is a fairly simple contract. Since the landowner will be signing the agreement, the landowner has a right to ask for changes to it. Those changes can include the following items:

- At no point is manure to be applied to frozen ground, even in emergency situations.
- Pages in the Manure Management Plan related to land described in the Manure Application Agreement, including a map of the manure application fields, are to be provided to the landowner by the operator with the signed copy of the Manure Application Agreement.

Landowners are encouraged to extend the courtesy to notify all of the neighboring landowners that manure will be applied to the land. The sample agreement allows the signatories to identify those neighbors.

Furthermore, an additional courtesy can be provided to neighbors who live on the roads that will be used to transport the manure so that they, too, can plan their activities knowing that manure will be transported close to their homes, as well as the odors that are transported on the application equipment.