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In the Know with Virginia Nutrient Management

Discontinuing DCR Funded Manure Analysis

The DCR is no longer able to fund manure samples sent for to Clemson by planners not working for DCR. Clemson is still a preferred manure analysis lab, but sample analysis will have to be paid out-of-pocket for plans written by private planners. Information on submitting samples can be found on Clemson's website [here](#). For questions, please contact Hunter Landis at hunter.landis@dcr.virginia.gov.

Approved Soils Lab Addition: Radicle Agronomics

A new lab has been added to the Approved Lab list maintained by the DCR. Radical Agronomics is based out of Illinois and is a Mehlich 3 lab with units based in ppm and Shikora Buffer pH. The Approved Soil Lab list on the website has been updated. You can find the list [here](#).



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REMINDER

Annual Activity Reports are due

September 15, 2025

Questions? Contact:

nmactivityreports@dcr.virginia.gov



Online For Hire Planner Directory

Would you like to be listed in the Planner For Hire Directory on the DCR website? This directory is for planners wanting to advertise their services to the wider farming community. The directory is hosted on the DCR website [here](#).

If you are not listed in the directory and wish to be included, contact Susan Jones at susan.jones@dcr.virginia.gov for the form to fill out with the needed information.

The directory is updated after each certification renewal/exam cycle in March and September. Please contact Susan by September 30, 2025 to be included in this update.

Back to Basics of Plan Writing Part 2: Plan Procedures

In the Spring of 2025 the DCR launched a series of webinars addressing the basic of plan writing. The webinars are built to explore the foundations of plan writing piece by piece. Each webinar will be half an hour to hour in length focusing on topics ranging from collecting information needed at a farm visit, to exploring the crop needs of row crops, grasses and specialty crops, to what the final plan should look like for the farmer.

The second session in the “Back to Basics Plan Writing” series will be on **Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 10 am**. This session will focus on nutrient management planning procedures. The previous session discussed what information should be collected from farm visits to build plan content. This session will take the information collected and start the process of making nutrient recommendations.

While this series is primarily for new or infrequent planners, all are welcome to participate. The webinars will be hosted through Microsoft Teams. All sessions will be recorded and posted on the DCR webpage as a plan writing resource. Planners who attend the sessions live will receive 0.5—1 CEU depending on webinar timing.

All the webinars in the “Back to Basics” series will be free, but registration is **required**. If you are interested in joining the discussion please register [here](#). Previous session can be viewed anytime on the DCR website [here](#) (under “For All Planners”).

Interested in the Online Plan Writing Program?

The Online Nutrient Management Plan Writing App (or “Module”) continues to be available to all planners.

To gain access to the Conservation Application Suite (CAS) that houses the Plan Writing Module, you first must take a brief webinar (45 mins) on internet and computer security, and complete a CAS request access form. Once the requirements have been completed your login credentials will be created. For more information click [here](#) or contact Steph Dawley at stephanie.dawley@dcr.virginia.gov.

CEUs

Have heard about a field day you think would be educational regarding nutrient management? A webinar related to nutrient management that sounds appealing? Please let us know. We try to stay abreast of field days, conferences, and outreach events, but undoubtedly miss many. If there is an event you think might be eligible for continuing education credit, please contact Steph Dawley. CEU events can be hosted by a variety of partnering agencies and do not have to be in VA. CEUs have been approved in NC, MD, DE, and other states.

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