



United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

2009 Tiered Maryland EQIP CBWI Nutrient Management System

NRCS in Maryland has introduced an expanded Nutrient Management System to encourage and reward producers who implement nutrient management techniques that go beyond just having a nutrient management plan.

This is a great program that all producers may be able to benefit from: *improving nutrient application, assessing nutrient levels, and adjusting field inputs.*

Applications are accepted on a continuing basis throughout the year. Specific program requirements and guidelines apply. For more information, contact your local NRCS office.

Tier I Nitrogen Use Efficiency

(items 1,2,3 must be applied)

1. Apply the proper rate of nitrogen
2. Apply nitrogen time to crop demand
3. Apply nitrogen with proper placement

\$12 / acre / 3 years of contract term

Tier II

The producer must implement a Nutrient Management Plan according to field specific soil test analysis, nutrient budget and records keeping. Nutrient budget includes crops grown; anticipated and actual crop yields; types and quantities of nutrients; and dates of application.

Tier II Enhanced Nutrient Management-Application Efficiency

Tier II A Geo Referenced Light Bar

\$5 / acre / 3 year (max \$3,000)

Tier II B Precision Agriculture

Use of GPS and GIS system

\$12 / acre / x3 year

Tier II C Decision Support System

Use of GPS software to collect and analyze crop data and utilize this to adjust field inputs

\$15 / acre / 3 year

For all Tiers, the participant must have or obtain a current nutrient management plan developed by a Certified Nutrient Management Consultant and implemented in accordance with Maryland State Law.

Producer only has ONE TIER to choose from.

Records must be kept for the 3 year life of the contract. Specific fields are enrolled, on selected acres.