



# Animal Feeding Operation Updates

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*At your fingertips – the eMMP application makes submitting an annual short form a breeze.*

## Celebrating Success with the eMMP

It's been roughly a year since the online manure management plan or eMMP rolled out. Producers and consultants have embraced the new technology submitting nearly 60 percent of annual plans electronically.

As the number of users grows, project coordinator Ted Petersen credits working with livestock farmers and technical service providers during development as a key to its success. "The result is an online resource that is easy to use," he says. "Customers have confidence in the application. And we will continue to seek their input to improve it."

Producers can use the eMMP to submit annual short forms three years out of four. Online submittal lets farmers avoid a trip to county offices to obtain signatures and file copies of the plan. Another convenience is the ability to pay fees online. Those who use the eMMP app also receive emailed due-date reminders.

### eMMP Application Use from April 2018 through April 2019

Method of Submittal	Number Submitted	Percent Submitted
eMMP Application	3,712	58%
Mailed or Hand Delivered	2,730	42%

Total	6,442	
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To put the eMMP at your fingertips, find instructions, a link to the eMMP app, FAQs and a webinar on the [DNR's eMMP webpage](#) or at [www.iowadnr.gov/emmp](http://www.iowadnr.gov/emmp). If you have questions about using the eMMP or lost your PIN number, please call the local DNR field office.

The eMMP can't be used yet for the long form and the updated soil test information. A hard copy must be submitted to DNR and the county once every four years.



*Spring construction – Get your rebar in a row, and follow concrete tips for an enduring structure.*

## Getting the Pour Right – Concrete Particulars

Nobody wants an expensive failure when building a deep pit confinement.

Now, just posted, tips and requirements for contractors, consultants, engineers and producers – tips to get [concrete construction](#) right.

Paul Petitti, DNR's senior AFO engineer, shares lessons learned from nearly 40 years of concrete inspections. Look to this construction training for a refresher on rules, requirements and tips for concrete construction of deep pits. You'll also see some slides of the spectacular mistakes everyone wants to avoid.

Concrete design and construction rules apply to all confinement (totally roofed) manure storage structures large enough to need a manure management plan (more than 500 animal unit capacity). It will also help small animal feeding operations understand their requirements for construction, with tips to achieve success.