



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Animal Feeding Operation Updates

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*We can't wait for spring. Get ready and make sure your manure applicator certification is up-to-date. Producers, it's a great time to start filing your MMP annual updates online. If you use the eMMP, you can submit the update, pay fees online and avoid a trip to the county office. Another good eMMP feature: owners receive an email reminder before the next update is due.*

### Most—89 Counties—Opt In for Master Matrix

Again, 89 of Iowa's 99 counties plan to use the [master matrix](#) to evaluate construction permit applications and proposed sites for animal confinements this year. From Feb. 1, 2021, to Jan. 31 of 2022, producers who need a construction permit in these counties must meet additional requirements.

The ten counties that did not pass a construction evaluation resolution were: Davis, Des Moines, Keokuk, Lee, Mahaska, Osceola, Plymouth, Wapello, Warren and Washington.

Find more [news](#) about the matrix and a map of participating counties on the DNR animal feeding operations website at [www.iowadnr.gov/afo](http://www.iowadnr.gov/afo).

### MAC Renewals due by March 1

**Reminder:** Certificates expire annually on March 1 for commercial manure applicators. Confinement site certificates are viable for three years ending on Dec. 31, with a two-month grace period for renewals. All applicators renewing certificates – commercial and confinement site -- need to complete training, and pay fees prior to March 1 to avoid a \$12.50 late fee. The late fee does not apply to new applicants or to confinement applicators completing their continuing education.

### Manure Applicator Training Wraps Up Feb. 26

Get ready for spring.

Confinement site applicators have one week to take live training for their manure applicator certification. The last on-site training session is Feb. 26. Find a list of remaining trainings in the ISU [confinement brochure](#).

Dry or solid manure handlers: Whether commercial or confinement, applicators still have two opportunities for live training. The remaining dry manure session is slated for 1 p.m. in Adair County on Feb. 22. Check the Iowa Manure Management Action Group [MAC webpages](#) for more information.

All applicators: Be sure to contact and register at the local [Iowa State University Extension](#) and Outreach office to watch a scheduled video training.

Or, consider taking advantage of DNR's online training and fee paying option. Find more information about the certification program at [www.iowadnr.gov/manureapplicator](http://www.iowadnr.gov/manureapplicator) or on the [IMMAG](#) website. Contact your [DNR field office](#) with questions.