



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Animal Feeding Operation Updates



Larger animal feeding operations, like this Iowa hog confinement, need to apply for and receive a construction permit prior to building. For the next 12 months, in 86 counties the permit application includes additional requirements under the Master Matrix.

86 counties adopt Master Matrix

Most (86 out of 99) counties adopted the livestock master matrix for the upcoming 12 months. Confinement sites who need a construction permit in those counties must meet additional requirements before they can build, modify or expand. County supervisors in the participating counties can provide input to producers and make recommendations to DNR on approving construction permits.

For more information on participating counties, see DNR [master matrix news](#). Find detailed information on the matrix on DNR's [construction permit](#) webpage.

Renew your Manure Applicators Certificate by March 1

Commercial applicators and confinement manure applicators who need to renew their certificates should complete their training or tests, and pay fees by March 1 to avoid paying a \$12.50 late fee. Three options are available to fulfill training requirements:

- February training with Iowa State University [Extension & Outreach](#) wraps up soon. Applicators can also make an appointment to watch a video at Extension offices.
- Training can be completed online at <https://elearning-dnr.iowa.gov/>. You will need to register for an IowaID using the e-learning link.
- Pass a 50-question test at one of DNR's six [field offices](#). Please schedule an appointment.

Certificates expire annually on March 1. Late fees do not apply to new applicants or confinement applicators completing continuing education.

Check the Iowa Manure Management Action Group's [MAC pages](#) for more information. Or find out more about commercial and confinement applicator requirements on DNR's [Applicator Certification](#) page.

Form Updates

Check the [AFO Forms](#) webpage to ensure you are using the most up-to date forms for submittal. All forms show the most recent revision date and should be checked regularly.