

What Type of Plan Do you Need For Your Farm?

Are You A CAFO?

CAFOs are farms with more than:

- 700 cows, 2,500 hogs, 500 horses, 82,000 layers, 125,000 broilers, etc.; or
- 1,000,000 lbs of live weight of animals (combined animals), or
- More than 300,000 lbs of animals and a CAO (see below for CAO)

See the ["Is My Operation a CAFO"](#) from PSU Extension

Requirements:

- Approved Nutrient Management Plan*
- CAFO permit

YES

NO

Are You A CAO?

Farms with more than 2,000 lbs of animals per acre available for manure application, such as:

- Farms with more than 137 cows per 100 acres of cropland
- Farms with more than 1,212 hogs per 100 acres of cropland
- Farms with more than 63,500 chickens per 100 acres of cropland

See ["PSU Agronomy Facts 54 – PA's Nutrient Management Act \(Act 38\): Who Is Affected?"](#) for more detail in determining CAO status.

Requirements:

- Approved Nutrient Management Plan*

YES

NO

Do you land apply manure or agricultural process wastewater, regardless of amount or method of application?

Requirements:

- Manure Management Plan^

YES

NO

No Nutrient or Manure Management Plan is required for your farm

*Nutrient Management Plan written by a certified nutrient management specialist to meet Nutrient Management Act 38 standards and approved by the County Conservation District

^ Manure Management Plans do not need to be written by a certified specialist. A Farmer can develop the plan according to Manure Management Manual standards. No submission or approval is required.