

# Resource Guide for Livestock Manure Management

Livestock manure management issues are becoming increasingly important and complex. Ample educational, technical and financial assistance is available to producers. Individuals are encouraged to take a proactive approach when dealing with livestock manure to take advantage of resources and avoid negative regulatory action.

Livestock producers and those who work with them often have questions or specific concerns about managing livestock manure. The following is a description of available resources, along with the names of contact people. Some of these programs are strictly educational, while others may provide educational, technical and financial assistance.

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## ■ Livestock Manure Management Education and Assistance Program

**Sponsor:** North Dakota State University Extension Service

**Purpose:** To provide research-based educational programs about livestock manure handling, storage and utilization using technologies that will protect water quality and put livestock producers in compliance with regulations.

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## ■ Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) field offices

**Sponsors:** Local soil conservation districts (SCDs)

**Purpose:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service field offices work in cooperation with local soil conservation districts to deliver technical assistance to landowners through voluntary programs to conserve natural resources on private land.

**Contact:** Local soil conservation districts and NRCS field offices are listed in local phone directories under federal government offices. Locations and contact people also can be found at the North Dakota NRCS Web site: [www.nd.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/directory/](http://www.nd.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/directory/)

## ■ Local Section 319 Watershed Projects

**Purpose:** Local Section 319 watershed projects can provide financial and technical assistance for planning, design and installation of livestock manure management systems.

**Contact:** Maps of the active watershed projects in the state and the associated contact directory can be found on the Non-Point Source (NPS) Web site: [www.health.state.nd.us/WQ/SW/Z1\\_NPS/B\\_Project\\_Directory.htm](http://www.health.state.nd.us/WQ/SW/Z1_NPS/B_Project_Directory.htm).

The local soil conservation district also can determine if your facility is within an active Section 319 watershed project.

## ■ North Dakota Stockmen's Association Environmental Services Program

**Sponsor:** North Dakota Stockmen's Association

**Purpose:** To provide site-specific advice on managing concentrated livestock areas, including manure-handling structures and practices that will protect water quality and comply with regulations, and help provide the producer with technical and financial assistance to install the structures and practices.

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## ■ North Dakota Department of Health, Water Quality Division, Feedlot Program

**Sponsor:** North Dakota Department of Health

**Purpose:** To establish rules for environmental compliance of animal-feeding operations in accordance with state and federal law, issue approvals to operate animal-feeding operations that are in compliance, inspect animal-feeding operations to assess environmental compliance and bring facilities that do not meet environmental requirements into compliance with environmental laws.

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**For more information on this and  
other topics, see: [www.ag.ndsu.edu](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu)**

## ■ Livestock Facility Assistance Program and Southwest North Dakota Water Quality Education Project

**Sponsors:** Dakota West Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Area Inc.  
Dakota Prairies Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council Inc.

**Purpose:** To provide financial assistance for design and installation of livestock manure management systems in southwestern North Dakota.

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## ■ North Dakota Livestock Pollution Prevention Program (LP3)

**Sponsor:** North Dakota Department of Agriculture

**Purpose:** To work one-on-one with North Dakota livestock producers to identify environmental concerns, and provide the producer technical and financial resources and access to engineering assistance to establish structures and practices to protect water quality and comply with regulations.

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