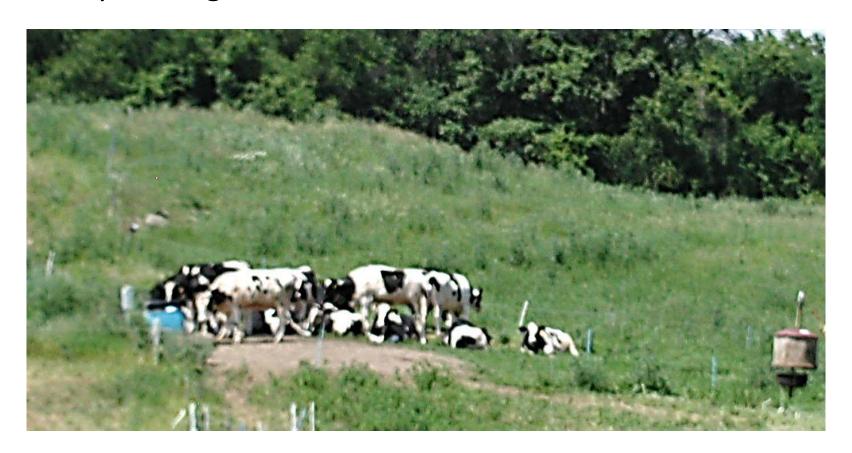
## **Pastures & Nutrient Management**

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### **Existing WI Agricultural Performance Standards**

counties will monitor compliance and may suspend eligibility for tax credits

- Meet tolerable soil loss (T) on cropped fields
- Follow 590 NM plan technical standard
- Prevent direct runoff from feedlots or stored manure to waters of the state
- Limit livestock access along waters to maintain vegetative cover
- Maintain manure storage structures to prevent leaking and overflow
- Follow manure storage technical standards for constructing and abandoning

Near surface water or areas susceptible to groundwater contamination

- Do not stack manure in an unconfined pile
- Divert clean water away from feedlots, manure storage, and barnyards

## NM Then and Now

- 1997 WI's legislature amended Statute 281.16 & 92 requiring NM
- **2002** WI's Admin. Codes NR 151 & ATCP 50 passed NM requirements
- **2005** 590 Std. updated for N & P management
- 2008 P management could be required
- **2009** New Farmland Preservation Program \$7.50 & \$5/ac/year in ExAg Zoning & Ag Enterprise Area, 1<sup>st</sup> PDF Application Restriction maps available for all WI
- **2011** Snap Plus checking applications with field attributes for meeting 590 standard GIS web service and interactive web based restriction maps NEW NR 151 performance standards promulgated
- **2012** Launched Runoff Risk weather maps 590 national standard released requiring states to address new requirements



#### Wisconsin Manure Advisory System

MAS Home

590 Nutrient Application Restriction Maps -- GeoPDFs

Runoff Risk Advisory Forecast Map

Interactive/Online 590 Maps

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### 590 Nutrient Application Restriction Maps -GeoPDFs

18102 GeoPDF maps have been downloaded since September 2010.A

As of February 1, 2011, the following counties have updated maps: Columbia, Dane, Green, Lafayette, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Washington, and Waukesha

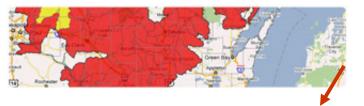
On-farm nutrient management begins with a clear understanding of each field's soils. Knowledge of a soil's ability to accept nutrients is critical to both determining its optimal crop production and protecting local water resources.

Wisconsin's 590 Nutrient Application Restriction Maps show where, when, and how much manure can be applied under Wisconsin state rules (2005 Wisconsin NRCS 590 Nutrient Management Practice Standard).

These freely downloadable maps cover the entire state and are available online for use by planners, producers, and manure applicators.

#### Interactive/Online 590 Restriction Maps

The DATCP-hosted 590 site includes the "Wisconsin 590 Nutrient Management Restrictions" GIS web-mapping application. This interactive application duplicates many of the GeoPDF functions and allows users to select areas of interest and create maps that span



#### Runoff Risk Advisory Forecast Model

The ability to predict the risk of runoff for any particular day can greatly assist farmers when making nutrient application decisions.

DATCP, NRCS, USGS, NOAA, NWS, UW (Soil Science, Ag Engineering, Discovery Farms, Pioneer Farm, Extension, and NPM), and others collaborated to develop a surface runoff event model for predicting the likelihood of surface runoff for a given watershed. Paired with field specific knowledge, accurate decisions regarding safe nutrient application can be made in advance.

The Runoff Risk Advisory website alerts farmers to the likelihood of runoff events in their watershed. To learn more about the model used in making these predictions, read the model description

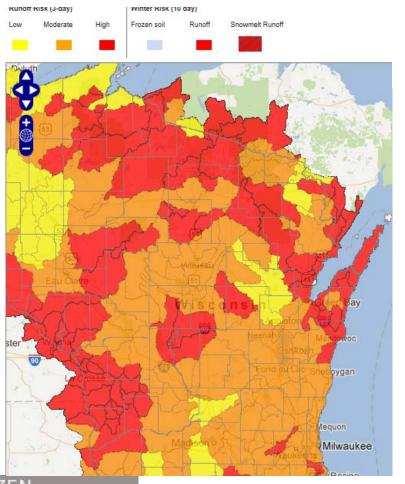
### DATCP Web Services for 590 Restriction Map Data

The DATCP-hosted 590 site also provides several web services for advanced GIS users who want to incorporate DATCP GIS layers into their own maps. These services can be accessed with GIS software (such as ArcMap) and are beyond the scope of the user guide discussed above. Note that the content of these services is viewable only when accessed with appropriate GIS software. It is not viewable via a web browser.

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Web Map Services (OGC/WMS) of the "SWQMA", "Fall N
 Postvictions" and "Winter Postvictions" layers:

## www.manureadvisorysystem.wi.gov



Forecast updated: Oct 23 12PM CDT



Runoff Risk Advisory Forecast Maps from National Weather Service's flood forecasting

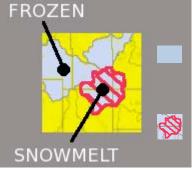
Assess the risk for each field before an application, fields can be saturated and still have a low risk of runoff if no rainfall is predicted

**Liquid manure applications increase soil moisture** so runoff risk of liquid manure will be higher than what is shown on the risk map

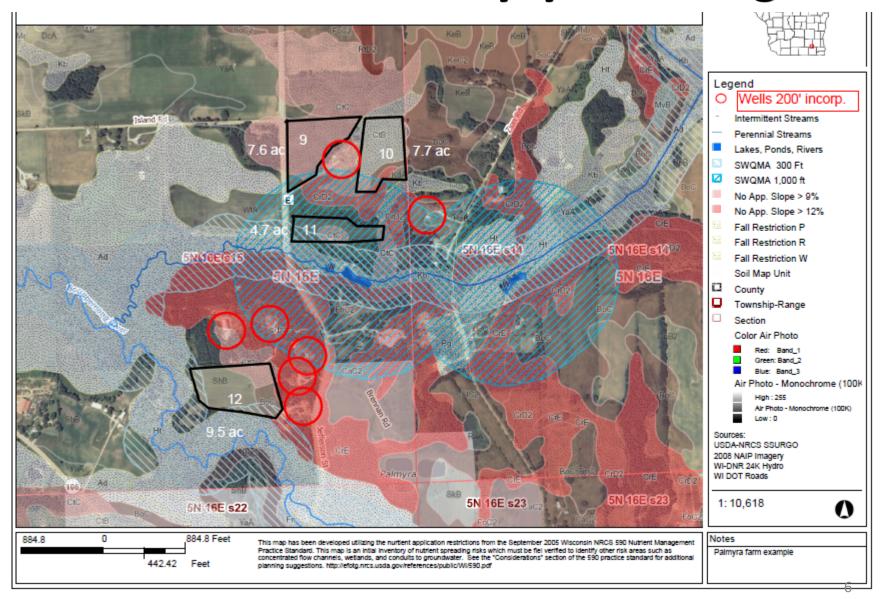
#### Winter Runoff Risk

Soils are **frozen** or snow-covered and not yet forecasted for runoff. Caution - applications will have limited soil contact and infiltration.

High snowmelt risk and runoff is predicted within 10 days



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## NM plan application restrictions

O 200' setback from wells, sinkholes, fractured bedrock at the surface - nutrient applications must be incorporated within 72 hours.

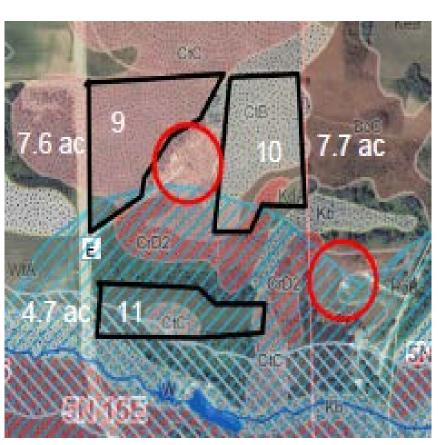
Blue No winter apps 300' from perennial streams, 1,000' from lake and ponds. Other non-winter application restrictions required.

Red No winter apps.

Pink and clear can have winter manure apps if contoured or if slopes are 9% or less. Winter manure apps can not exceed 7,000 gals/acre or P removal of the crop.

Yellow Dots No fall apps of fertilizer
N. Fall manure apps limited. Best to Spring apply.

Nutrient Application Restriction Maps available free for all of Wisconsin



## Blue non-frozen

#### Surface Water Quality Management Areas



For all nutrient applications on non-frozen soil within a SWQMA use 1 or more practices:

- permanent buffer
- >30% crop cover after application
- Incorporate nutrients within 72 hrs
- Establish cover crops after application

Unincorporated liquid manure rates are limited by soil type and crop residue

Snap checks SWQMA practices, soil type, and RUSLE2 for > 30% cover

# A WI Nutrient Management Plan is Updated Annually

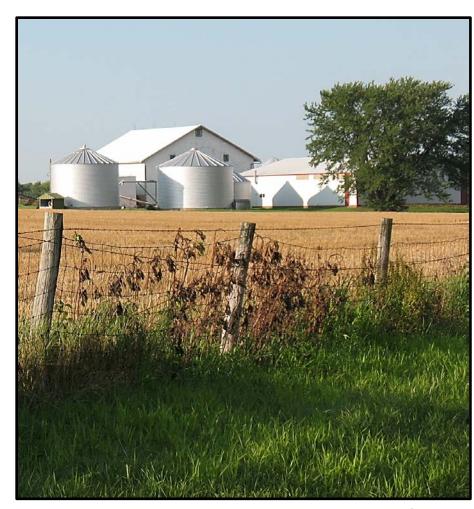
Follows NRCS 590 standard

Soil tested by a DATCP certified lab every 4 years every 5 acres

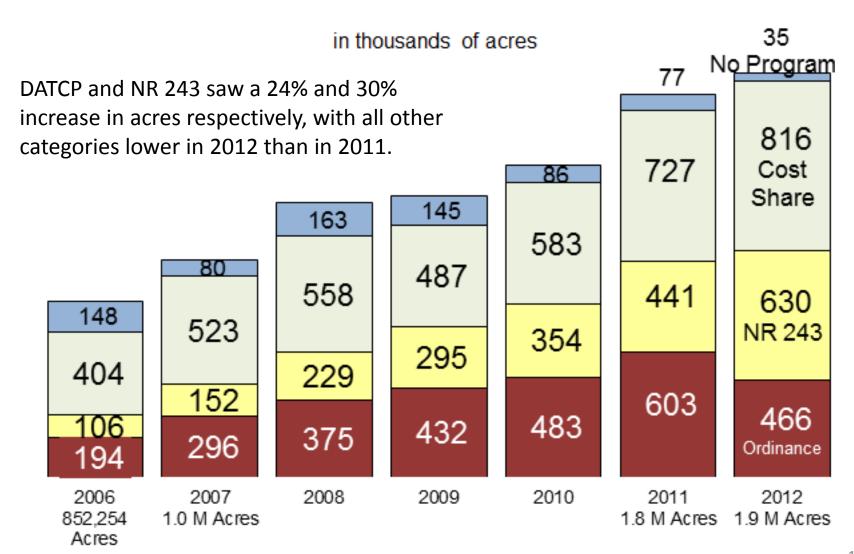
Accounts for all N-P-K applied to fields each year of the crop rotation

## Farms can be required to follow a NM Plan with a \$28/ac cost share offer or when:

- Regulated under a County Ordinance for manure storage or livestock siting
- Participating in a Farmland Preservation
   Zoned District or AEA
- Regulated under a DNR WPDES permit
- Causing a pollution discharge to waters of the state



#### 2006-2012 Nutrient Management Plan Acres Reported by Program



## Currently NM is required on pastures if:

- 1. the pasture has mechanical nutrient applications
- 2. the pasture is in a SWQMA & winter grazed

ATCP 50(AT 0.04(3)): Follow 590 where nutrients are mechanically applied.

NRCS 590 Std. (A.2.b.(1) page3&4): Prohibits applications in winter next to surface water — EXCEPT when grazing in the SWQMA and the field is included in the NM plan.

(A.1.m. page 3) Where pasturing occurs, verify through computations that the nutrients...do not exceed the N and P requirements of 590.

## When will NM be required on all pastures?

- 1. ATCP 50 will need to incorporate the NR 151 performance standard (Feb. ATCP Board public hearings for winter 2014)
- 2. Want a flexible approach to allow farmers time to meet the standard usually 5 years after new standards are incorporated into ATCP 50
- 3. ATCP 50 defines conservation compliance of the Farmland Preservation Program

## NM planning on Pasture in WI



- About 1.5 million acres of land is non-woodland pasture (2007 WI Census of Ag)
- If all get NM planning cost share @ \$28/ac = \$40 million
- If targeting high risk areas near water (20%) reduces costs to \$8 million

### **2011 Farmland Preservation**

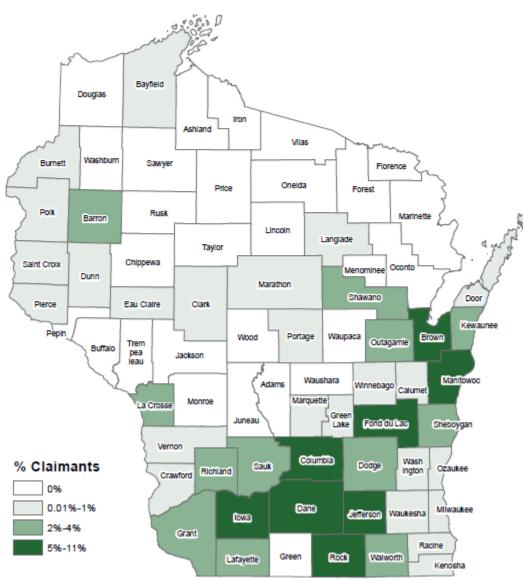
protecting water resources & soil productivity <a href="http:workinglands.wi.gov">http:workinglands.wi.gov</a>

Working Lands Initiative Started July 1, 2009

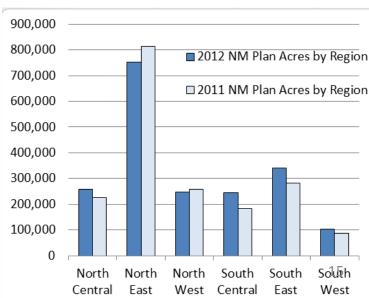
\$27M to WI farmers decreasing tax due or increasing tax refund in exchange for keeping land in AG use and complying with soil and water conservation requirements

- \$7.50/acre in a Certified farmland preservation zoning district
- \$5.00/acre if farmland preservation agreement in Agricultural Enterprise Area AEA (15 year agreements)
- \$10.00/acre if agreement in AEA and zoning

## Percent of Farmland Preservation 2010 Claimants in Exclusive Agricultural Zoning by County



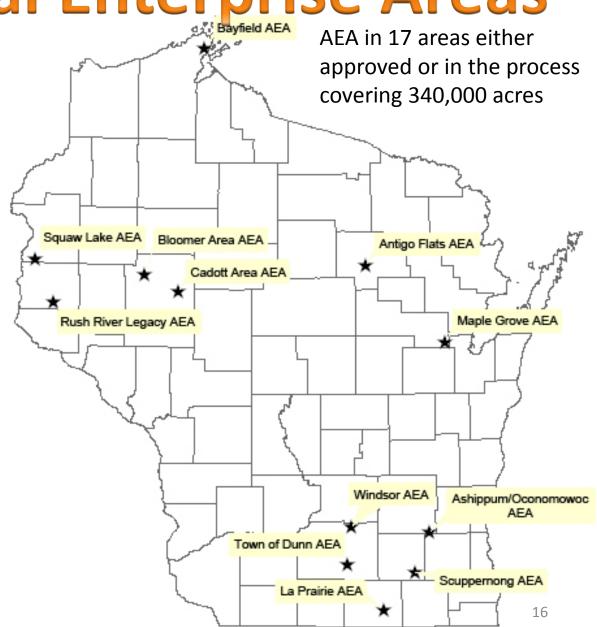
- Almost 13,000 of the 15,000 FPP claimants live in Exclusive Agricultural Zoned areas.
- Counties of Dane, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Rock, Iowa, Manitowoc, Brown, and Columbia have 6,600 or 53% of these total FPP participants in these zoned areas - Manitowoc added 57K and Columbia 29K acres.
- Collectively these counties have 600K acres in NMPs increasing NM plans in 2012 by 133K acres from 2011.





Agricultural Enterprise Areas

- At least 5 eligible farm owners located in a contiguous area primarily in agricultural use petition DATCP
- Eligible farmers in a designated area can enter into voluntary farmland preservation agreements with DATCP
- Farmers with an agreement receive income tax credits in return for keeping their land in agricultural use for a minimum of 15 years.
- DATCP designates through administrative Rule process





### **FC-A** Wisconsin farmland preservation credit

#### Schedule FC-A and instructions

#### **Farmland Preservation Zoning Districts &** New or Modified agreements 2010 tax year or later

farmers that did not collect a farmland preservation tax credit in the previous year:

- Must obtain a Certificate of Compliance from the County Land Conservation Committee showing compliance with the state agricultural performance standards under NR 151 & ATCP 50
- Include with the tax return

farmers that did collect a tax credit without a Certificate of Compliance in the previous year:

 Must obtain a Schedule of Compliance that enables claimants to comply with state conservation standards by a specific deadline set by the county before 2016



## **Core 590**

Nutrient applications must not run off the intended application site

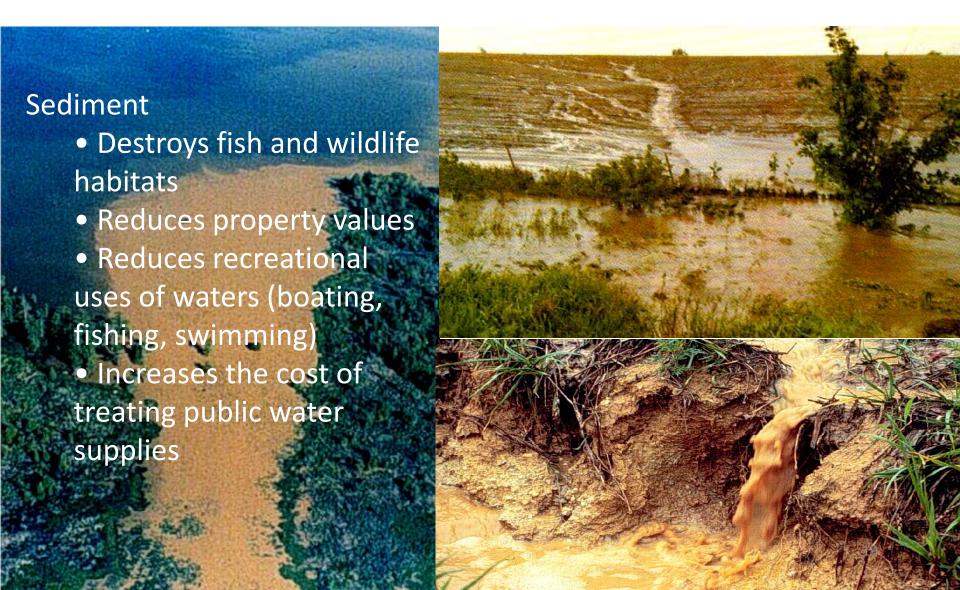
Fields receiving nutrients **must** have sheet and rill soil erosion controlled to tolerable soil loss rates or "T" over the crop rotation

Areas of concentrated flow, resulting in reoccurring gullies, **must** be protected with perennial vegetative cover and nutrients should not be applied to established water ways





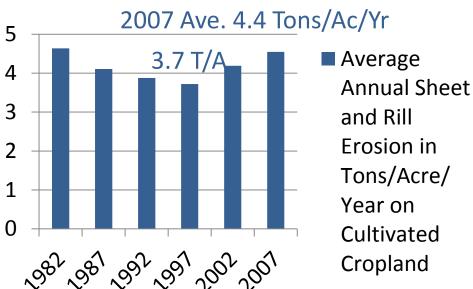
## Erosion is still the number one source of nonpoint source pollution in the US



# WI Soil Erosion Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Annual Progress Report

 The three most common activities conducted by counties are soil erosion control, manure management and nutrient management.

#### Wisconsin 2007 National Resources Inventory



## Core 590 spreading restrictions





- Frozen and snow covered ground
  - No nutrient spreading 1000' lakes and 300' streams [other restrictions fall, spring, winter]
  - Limit liquid manure applications to 7,000 gallons per acre or the P removal of the next crop, whichever is less.
- 200 ft incorporation of nutrient on area draining to groundwater conduits
- Manure deposited near a well by grazing does not require incorporation

## **Core 590**

- Follow annual UW soil test N recommendation of non-legume crop
- Can combine all P and K applications for the rotation
  - 590 requires fields with only commercial fertilizer applications follow the soil test & crop need
  - Snap Plus will flag if annual P application for commercial fertilizer exceeds crop need

## **Current Phosphorus Management**

#### For non-permitted animal operations

- The 590 std's P Index (PI) or Soil Test P
  phosphorus assessment is available where
  manure or other organic by-products are
  applied
  - ✓ PI> 6 then no manure OR
  - ✓ soil test P >100 PPM then P2O5 balance
    <25% of crop removal over 8 yrs or less
    </p>

#### For CAFO permitted animal operations

- Follow 590 if soil test P is less than 100 PPM
- Above 100 PPM P use both the PI & soil test
   P
  - ✓ PI> 6 then no manure app allowed
  - ✓ P2O5 balance <50% of crop removal over 4 yrs or less</p>

#### The PI is not available for:

- some soils
- fruit crops like cranberries and apples
- some vegetable crop sequences
- crops without a RUSLE2 soil loss estimate
- crops without a UW soil test recommendation





in a SWOMA, then it should be marked as such below.

Fall N Restriction

Field Restrictions

Drinking water well within 50 ft of field edge

Conduits to groundwater within 200 feet downslope of field

☐ Sinkholes ☐ Fractured bedrock at surface

Local prohibitions for winter applications

Slope restriction for winter applications

Other direct conduit to groundwater

Soil type for N restrictions: BrA

N Restriction code for selected soil:

Field in SWQMA

☐ Tile inlets ☐ Well

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N Restriction definitions

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- <u>Restriction Features</u> use maps to find field attributes
- <u>Below Field Slope to</u>
   <u>Water (%)</u> follow the soil types slope from edge of field down hill
- <u>Distance to Perennial</u>
   <u>Water (ft)</u> use map scale

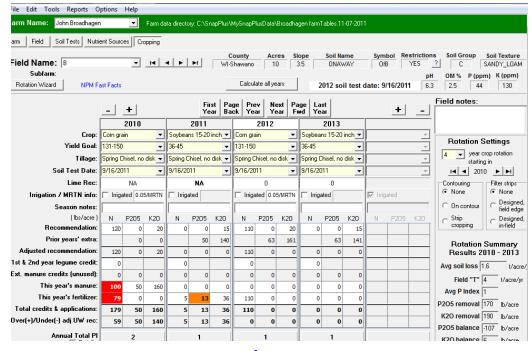
# Conservation & NM Planning

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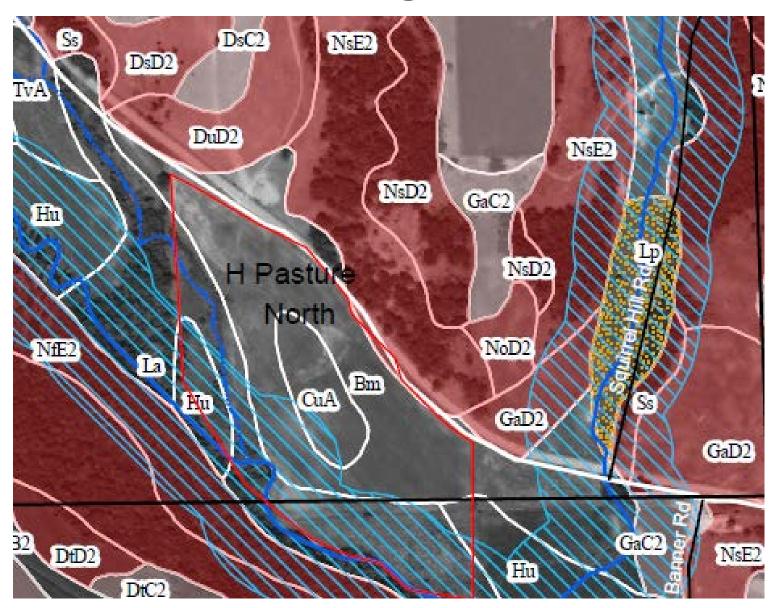
- Checks spreading restrictions against applications
- Calculates soil erosion with nutrient applications
- Provides P Index to show P field loss

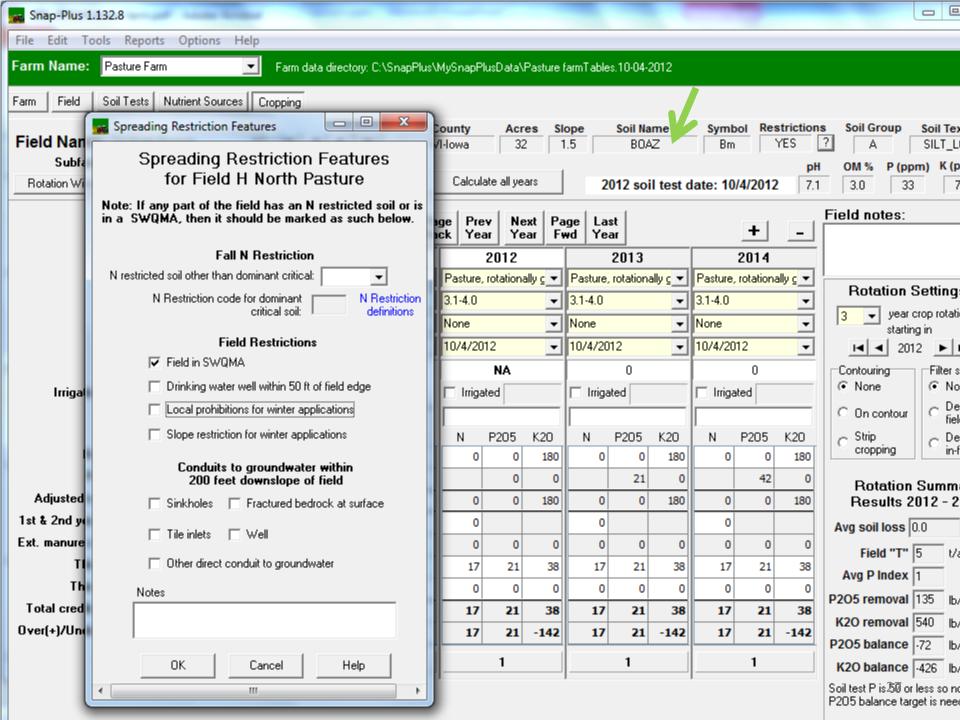


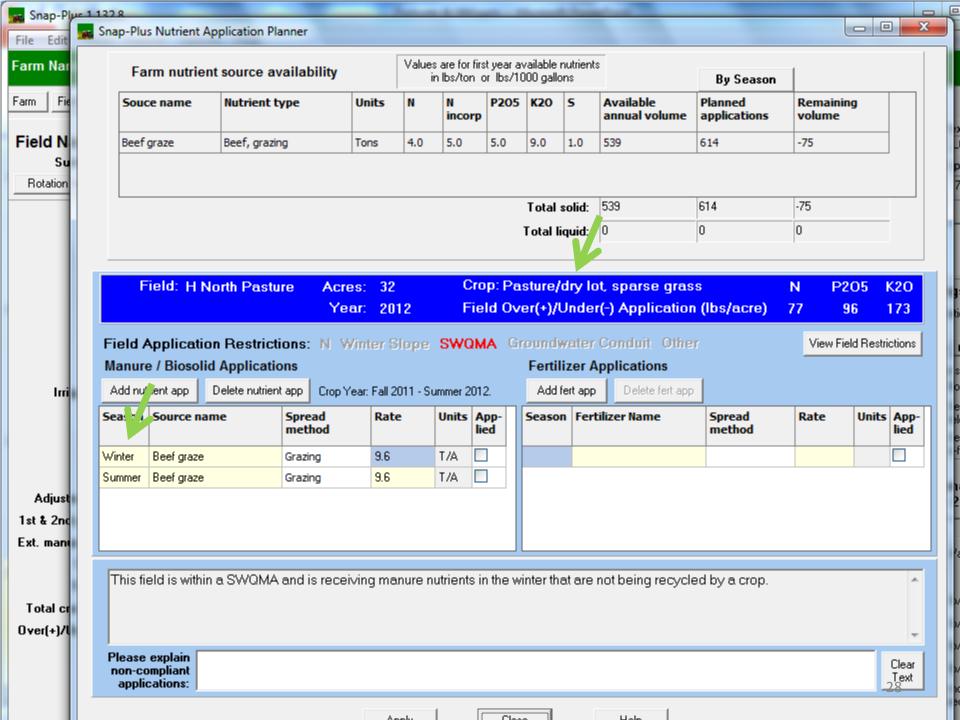
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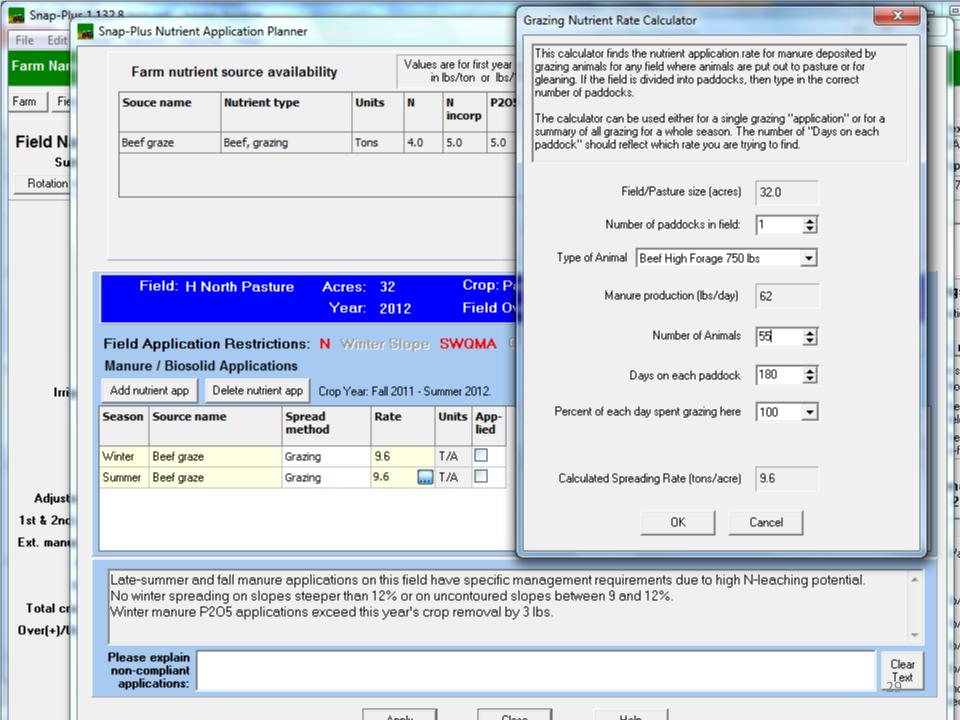


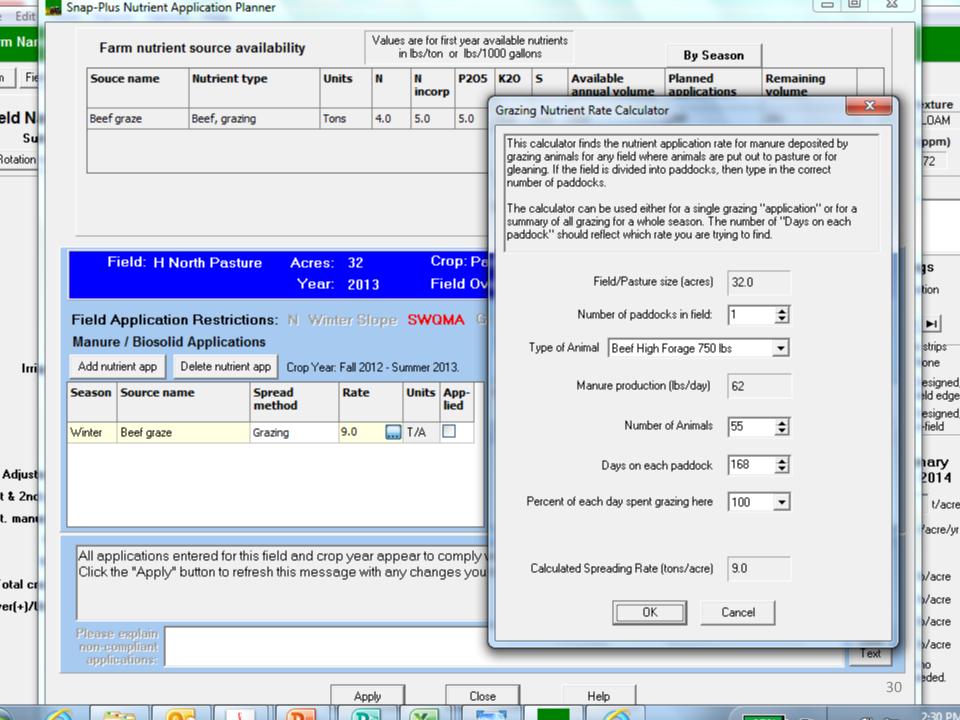
## NM Planning of Pasture

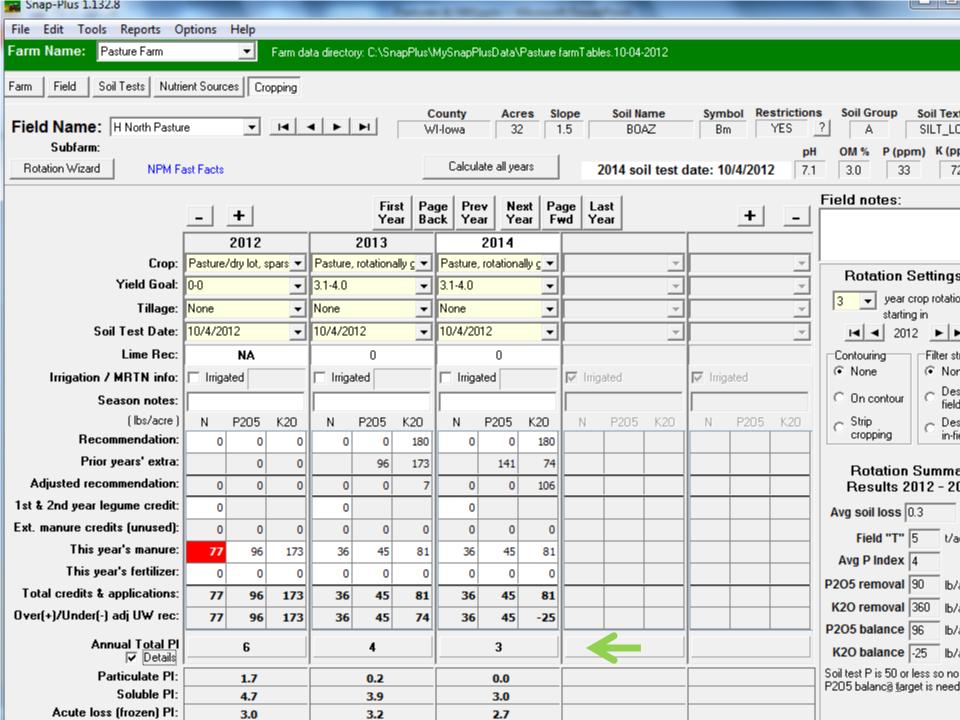


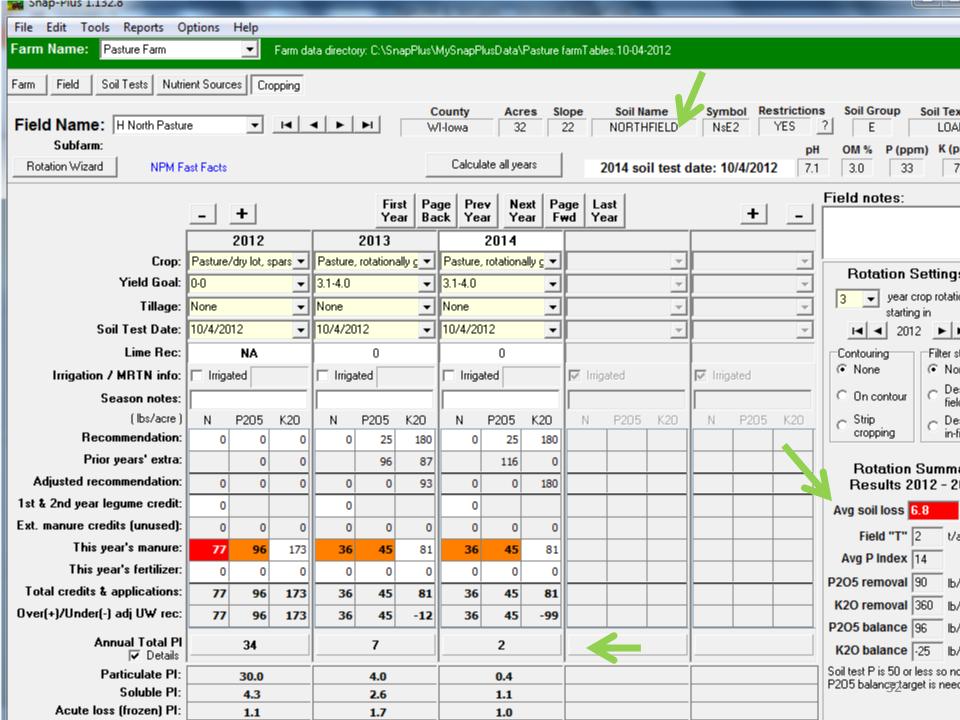


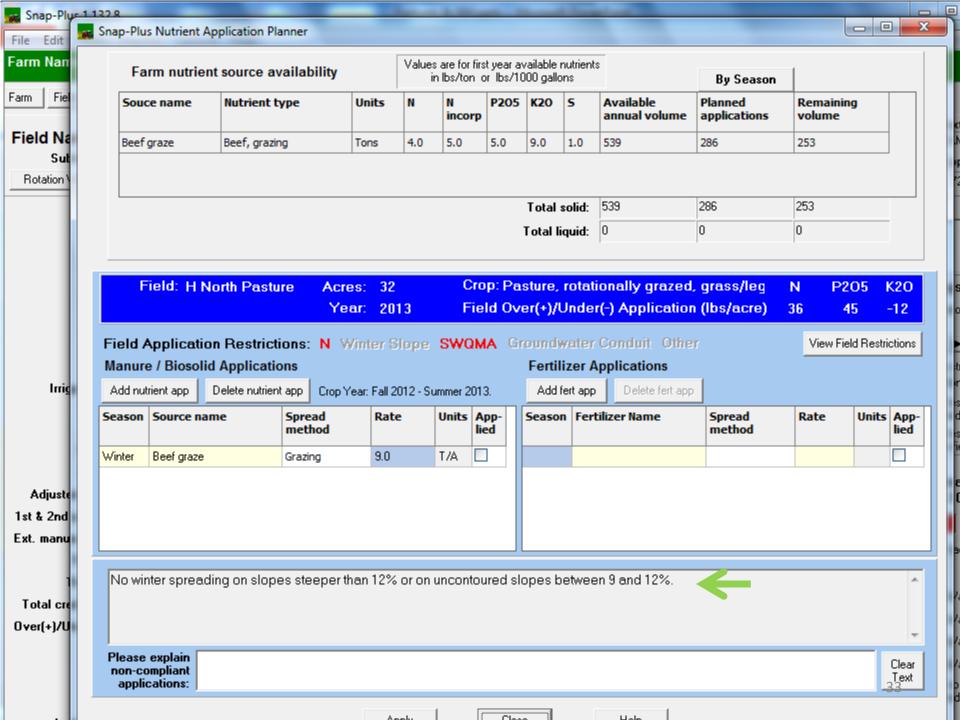


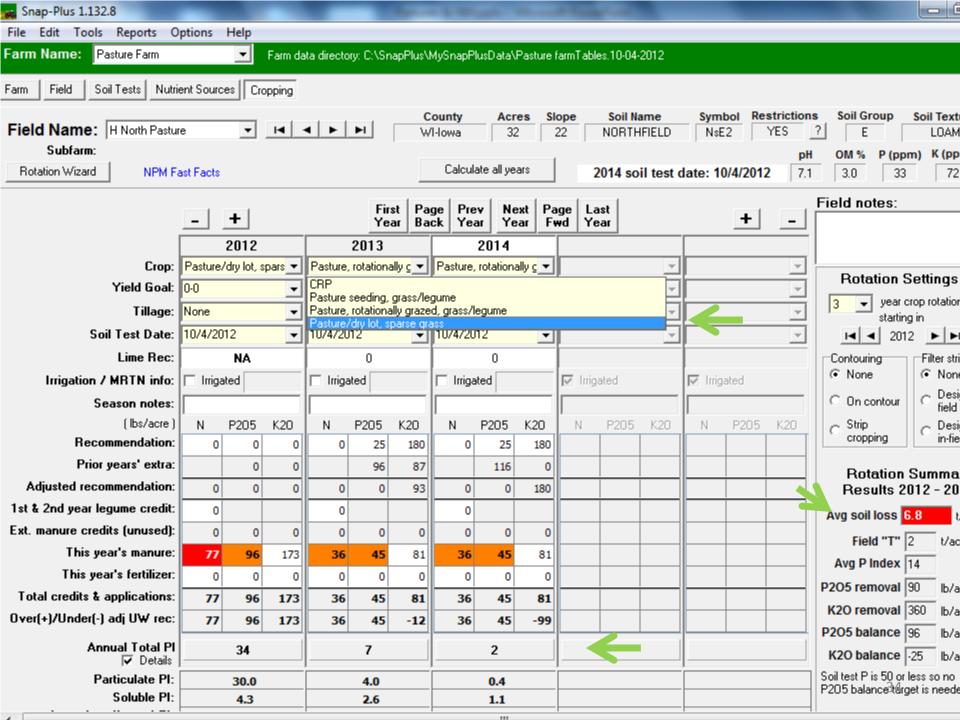


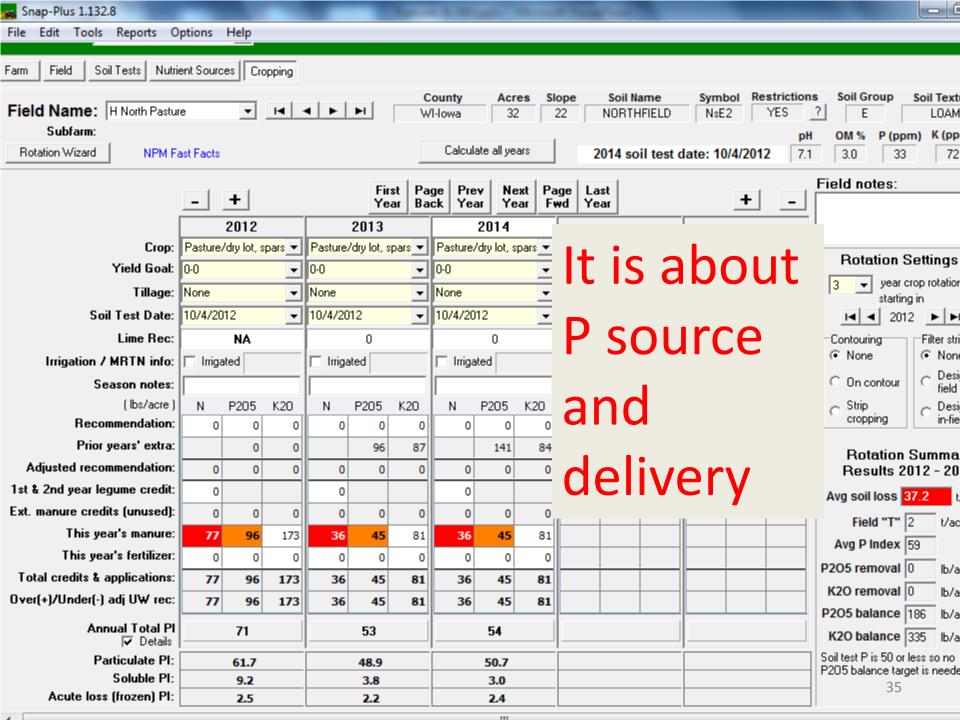












## Summary

- We have a great conservation planning tool in Snap Plus
- SNAP Plus helps farmers keep NM plans flexible and updated with correct soil loss
- Easier to know if meeting 590 for improved water quality and profitability

#### For NM information

http://datcp.wi.gov/Farms/Nutrient\_Management/Planning/index.aspx