

Nutrient Management Courses Scheduled for 2009

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Two nutrient management courses have been scheduled for early 2009: the “Nutrient Management Planning Course” and the “Advanced Nutrient Management Course.”

These courses provide training and continuing education credits for Certified Crop Advisors (CCAs), Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) Operators and Wastewater Operators. They also provide training for agency personnel and anyone else with an interest in managing nutrients on farms, particularly farms using animal manure as a fertilizer.

The “**Nutrient Management Planning course**” is a two-part course.

Part 1: The classroom session will be March 10 to March 12, 2009. Topics covered in this part of the course include current NRCS and regulatory policies, water quality management, nutrient management calculations such as plant available nitrogen in manure, phosphorus-based management and manure economics.

Part 2: The calculation/field session is held twice (attendees chose one) either April 13-15, 2009 or April 15-17, 2009. These sessions include a field trip to the MU Dairy, hands-on calculations related to nutrient management and active discussion sessions.

In the past this course has been approved for 6.0 Soil and Water and 22.0 Nutrient Management continuing education units (CEUs), for 34.5 CEU’s for CAFO Operators and for 29.5 CEUs for Wastewater Operator CEUs. It is highly recommended for anyone who plans to write nutrient management plans for animal feeding operations in Missouri.

The cost of the two-part course is \$375. All sessions will be held at the Missouri Cattlemen’s Building in Columbia, MO.

The “**Advanced Nutrient Management Course**” is a new course that will be held February 25-26, 2009. The focus of this year’s course will be “Nitrogen Management in Forage and Row Crop Systems.” This session will provide detailed presentations and discussions on how to optimize nitrogen management particularly on farms using manure as a nitrogen source. Presenters will include Dr. Michael Russelle, a nationally recognized scientist working on nitrogen management in forage systems.

We are requesting approval for 6.5 Nutrient Management, 5.0 Soil and Water and 0.5 Crop Management CEUs for CCAs. We are requesting 12.0 CAFO Operator and 12.0 Wastewater Operator CEU’s. The session will be held in Columbia, MO (exact location to be determined). The cost for the advanced course will be \$185 and includes the cost of two lunches.

Pre-registration is required for both courses. To register contact Shane Ferguson (573-884-6311; FergusonSS@missouri.edu). For more information about the course contact John Lory (573-884-7815; LoryJ@missouri.edu). More details about the courses including agendas and a speaker list are available on line at <http://nmplanner.missouri.edu/training/>.

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