

MPCA County Feedlot Program Delegation Agreement Work Plan

Delegation Agreement Years: 2020-21

County: Clay

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(Refer to Appendix A when completing this document.)

The revised rules adopted on October 23, 2000 and updated in January 2015, require a Delegated County (County) to prepare a Delegation Agreement that describes the County's plans, strategies and goals for administration and implementation of the Feedlot Program. This Delegation Agreement Work Plan satisfies the Minnesota Rule Chapter 7020 requirement that the Delegation Agreement must be reviewed and approved by the County and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) annually.

The County will contact the MPCA to discuss potential changes to this Delegation Agreement Work Plan if the County is unable to meet any of the requirements. Agreed upon changes must be documented and incorporated into the Delegation Agreement Work Plan.

Minnesota legislative appropriation language (Minnesota Statutes 116.0711) contains provisions for reducing grants to Counties if they do not meet minimum program requirements (MPRs) as set forth in this document. Counties that fail to meet the minimum seven percent inspection rate MPR and/or ninety percent of non-inspection MPRs are subject to base grant reductions and/or loss of eligibility for a performance credit award.

For any feedlot in which a County employee or a member of the County employee's immediate family has an ownership interest, the County employee will not:

- (a) Be involved in making preliminary or final decisions to issue a permit, authorization, zoning approval, or any other governmental approval for the feedlot; and
- (b) Conduct or review inspections for the feedlot.

This MPCA County Feedlot Program Delegation Agreement Work Plan has been prepared by the County for the period of January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021. The County agrees with the terms and conditions established in this Delegation Agreement Work Plan and will use feedlot grant funds in conjunction with the required local match dollars and in-kind contributions to carry out the goals, plans and minimum program requirements described herein. The County understands that this Delegation Agreement Work Plan will be reviewed by the MPCA after completion of the first year and, if necessary, be revised.

 Signature of Chair of Board of County Commissioners	11/19/19 Date
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NEW! Required Inspection Strategies

Strategy	2020	2021
Conduct inspections at existing sites that have submitted permit applications proposing construction or expansion to ensure that the appropriate permit is issued.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

NEW! The County’s inspection strategy shall include goals for conducting a **majority** of inspections at high risk/high priority sites. The strategy may also include goals for low risk/low priority sites. The County may choose from the provided examples and/or write an alternative strategy in the space provided below.

HIGH RISK/HIGH PRIORITY SITES

- a) Sites within shoreland, a Drinking Water Supply Management Area (DWSMA), Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS), a TMDL and/or BWSR One Watershed One Plan (1W1P). (See Appendix A for 1W1P link.)
- b) Sites that have open lot area(s) without runoff controls.
- c) Sites that have never been inspected that fall into item a) and b).
- d) Sites that, according to previous inspections, have not been maintaining adequate land application records and/or manure management plans.
- e) Sites constructing Manure Storage Areas (MSA) and open lot runoff controls.
- f) Conduct phosphorus inspections within a formally designated area such as a TMDL, WRAPs or BWSR 1W1P. (See Appendix A for BWSR 1W1P link.)
- g) Conduct in-field land application inspections within a formally designated area such as a TMDL, WRAPs or BWSR 1W1P. (See Appendix A for BWSR 1W1P link.)
- h) Alternative Strategy

LOW RISK/LOW PRIORITY SITES

- a) Sites within a specified size category (i.e. 300 – 499 AU). Please specify.
- b) Sites within a watershed, township or other formally designated area.
- c) Conduct phosphorus inspections within a specific watershed, township or other formally designated area.
- d) Conduct in-field land application inspections within a specific watershed, township or other formally designated area.
- e) Conduct phosphorus inspections as part of a compliance inspection.
- f) Conduct in-field land application inspections as part of a compliance inspection or at non-NPDES sites >300 AU.
- g) Conduct inspections at all sites in the County on a five year or less rotating basis.
- h) Conduct inspections at sites required to be registered that have never been inspected
- i) Alternative Strategy

Inspection Strategies

Inspection Strategy	Inspection Goal 2020*	Inspection Goal 2021*
H/R B (Enter description of strategy.)	7	7
(Enter description of strategy.)		
(Enter description of strategy.)		
(Enter description of strategy.)		
Total	7	7

*Enter the number of inspections the County predicts will be completed for each category.

Note: Numbers entered for in-field land application goals must be quantified by feedlot sites and not individual farm fields.

Owner Assistance Strategy

1. Please describe the type and number of activities you plan to conduct and how you will track the number of producers reached. (Example: group education events; newsletters; newspaper articles; producer surveys; distribution of manure sample containers; help with MMP writing.)

Type: 2 news letters, 2 CCTO meetings, one County Fair booth
 Number:
 How tracked: we have a copy of the news letters. CCTO there agenda. County Fair Booth believe me.

B. DELEGATED COUNTY MPRs

MN Stat. 116.0711 Subd. 2. (c) states that 25% of the total appropriation must be awarded according to the terms and conditions of the following MPRs.

Inspection MPRs

A County must inspect seven percent (7%) or more of their State required registered feedlots annually, as determined by the table in Appendix B, to be eligible for the Inspection MPR award. A compliance inspection, a construction inspection, a desk-top nitrogen and phosphorus record inspection or an in-field land application inspection may only count once towards the minimum seven percent inspection rate. A second inspection done at the same site in the same year would be counted towards performance credits. At least half of the seven percent (7%) inspections should be compliance inspections. The remaining half can be a combination of construction inspections, desk-top nitrogen and phosphorus record inspections or in-field land application inspections.

Inspection MPRs	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2020	Jan. 1 –Dec 31 2021
1. Agency-approved number of feedlots required to be registered by the State. (Enter the number of feedlots for your County found in Appendix B.)	89	89
2. County–Agency agreed upon inspection rate. (Enter “7%” for 2020 and 2021 unless a different inspection rate percentage was negotiated.)	7%	7%
3. NEW! County–Agency agreed upon inspection number for the identified time period. (Calculate 7% of the number from item 1 and if not a whole number, round up to the nearest 0.5 and enter it here. Example: 12.0 =12.0, 12.1 thru 12.5 = 12.5, 12.6 thru 12.9 = 13.0)	7 I don't do ½'s	7

Non-Inspection MPRs

Registration MPRs	YES	NO
<p>1. The County will register and maintain registration data in the Tempo database (MN R. Ch. 7020.0350 Subp. 1 and 7020.1600, Subp. 2. C).</p> <p><i>A County program review should indicate that the County uses the MPCA feedlot registration form and the County updates Tempo by sending the registration information from registration forms, Notice of Construction forms and permit applications to MPCA master file staff within 60 days (NEW!) of receiving registration information. Tempo fields that must be updated include shoreland status and DWSMA as agreed by FMT-MACFO, 2013.</i></p> <p><i>Instructions for entering registration information into Tempo are available in Tempo HELP/Feedlot folder/CFO Feedlot folder/Instructional Exercises folder/“How to register feedlots and enter data in tempo.docx”.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p><i>Instructions for entering an inspection into Tempo are available in Tempo HELP/Feedlot folder/CFO Feedlot folder/Instructional Exercises folder/"Exercise 7. Inspection county.docx" and Tempo HELP/Feedlot folder/CFO Feedlot folder/"Tempo-over all compliance guidance-CFO.docx".)</i></p>		
<p>NEW! The County acknowledges the following:</p> <p>a. For inspections to count toward the required seven percent (7%) inspection rate they must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be at sites that are required to register, • Have a locked inspection in Tempo, and • Occurred during the CFO Annual Report reporting year. <p>* If at the time of inspection a site has a current (January 1, 2014 or later) locked registration with animal numbers that require registration (10 or more AU in shoreland or 50 or more AU outside of shoreland) and as a result of the inspection the registration information is updated to animal numbers that no longer require registration, the inspection shall count toward the seven percent (7%) inspection rate.</p> <p>b. Inspections at feedlot sites will not count toward the required seven percent (7%) inspection rate if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspection information is not entered into Tempo, or • Inspections entered into Tempo are not locked. 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<p>5. The County's Inspection Strategy has been approved by the agency (7020.1600, Subp. 3a.B.(1-2)).</p> <p><i>The County's CFO Annual Report should indicate the County initiated inspection plans and goals as stated in their Delegation Agreement Work Plan Inspection Strategy.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Compliance MPRs	YES	NO
<p>6. NEW! The County will notify the producer, in writing or via e-mail, of the results of any inspection. The notification must include a completed copy of the Minnesota Feedlot Inspection Checklist (7020.1600, Subp. 3a.B. (5)(a)). For compliance and desktop N & P inspections the written or e-mailed inspection notification shall be within 30 days of a compliance determination.</p> <p><i>A file review should indicate the County has notified the producer(s) of compliance inspection results. Notification must be in writing or via e-mail.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>7. The County will bring feedlot operations into compliance through the implementation of scheduled compliance goals as stated in the County's Delegation Agreement Work Plan Compliance Strategy (7020.1600, Subp. 3a.B.(5)).</p> <p><i>A file review should indicate that the County brought non-compliant feedlots into compliance as stated in their Delegation Agreement Work Plan Compliance Strategy.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p>14. The County will ensure that a producer who submits a permit application that includes a liquid manure storage area (LMSA) meets the requirements in 7020.2100.</p> <p><i>A file review should indicate that the County uses an agency-approved LMSA checklist and that LMSA plans and specifications are complete, accurate and meet feedlot rule requirements as verified through the use of the LMSA checklist.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>15. The County will ensure that any pollution problem existing at a producer's site will be resolved before the permit is issued or will be addressed by the permit (7020.0535 Subp.7. and 7001.0140).</p> <p><i>A file review should indicate the County issues interim permits in appropriate situations and conducts an inspection at existing sites prior to permit issuance.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Complaint Response MPR	YES	NO
<p>16. The County maintains a record of all complaint correspondence. (7020.1600, Subp. 2.H. and Subp. 2.J.(6))</p> <p><i>The County maintains a complaint log and promptly reports to the MPCA any complaints that represent a possible health threat, a significant environmental impact or indicate a flagrant violation.</i></p> <p><i>The complaint log should include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. Type of complaint;</i> <i>b. Location of complaint;</i> <i>c. Date and time complaint was made;</i> <i>d. Facts and circumstances related to the complaint; and</i> <i>e. A statement describing the resolution of the complaint.</i> 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Owner Assistance MPR	YES	NO
<p>17. The County's Owner Assistance Strategy has been approved by the agency. (7020.1600, Subp. 2.J.(5) and Subp. 3a.B.(7))</p> <p><i>A review should indicate the County initiated their plan as stated in their Delegation Agreement Work Plan Owner Assistance Strategy.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Staffing Level and Training MPR	YES	NO
<p>18. The CFO (and other feedlot staff) attend training necessary to perform the duties of the feedlot program and is consistent with the agency training recommendations. (7020.1600, Subp. 2.K.)</p> <p><i>The County should complete a minimum of 18 continuing education units (CEUs). Each unit consists of one hour of training related to MN Rules Ch. 7020 competency areas: regulating new construction, conducting inspections and evaluating compliance, handling complaints and reported spills, responding to air quality complaints, resolving identified pollution problems, communicating with farmers and the agricultural community.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Air Quality MPR	YES	NO