



Kendall County Soil & Water Conservation District

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NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) administers the Conservation 2000 (C-2000) Program which provides cost-share assistance to landowners. One of several practices available under the C-2000 program is the Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) practice, which provides technical and financial assistance to farm operators who want to optimize the application of nutrients for plant production. The practice encourages producers to utilize soil testing to increase efficiency of fertilizer use and, as a result, reduces nutrient transport to waterways.

Nutrient management plans are prepared for 4 years and begin with the year of the crop rotation where the intended crop will need N, P, and/or K fertilizer. There is a 200 acre maximum and 10 acre minimum. A nutrient management plan can be prepared by either a Technical Service Provider (TSP) (who is registered and certified by the USDA-NRCS) or the SWCD. For plans prepared by an approved TSP, the TSP will receive a \$3 per acre incentive payment for writing the plan. Landowners who implement an approved plan will receive a one time only \$7 per acre, after nutrients are applied. There is an additional \$2 per acre incentive for landowners with a reduced tillage system and for performing a soil test for phosphorous in the upper 2 inches of the soil profile.

New this year:

- ◆ Landowners are eligible for a **second incentive payment** for the 2nd year of corn.
- ◆ “Extra” financial incentive: successfully implement a plan through the SWCD and **receive \$500.00** (funds are limited, so take advantage while it lasts!).

If you are interested, please contact the SWCD at (630)553-5821 extension 3 for further information.