

2016 Instructions for Phase III Annual Report

Completion of this form is required for cropped acres in the Bazile Groundwater Management Area (GWMA) of Knox County. Reporting requirements were established as part of the Rules and Regulations for the GWMA by the Lewis & Clark NRD, Board of Directors in 2004 in response to consistently high nitrate levels detected in the region.

If the acres you own are not cropped – or you no longer own or operate the acres please list the name of the current owner or operator (if necessary), verify the “Legal Description” under “General Field Information”, list the current land use in the “Field Name” box, sign and return the form to the Lewis & Clark NRD. **If you are the owner, and the acres are farmed, but you do not make decisions about nitrogen application** please indicate the name of the person who is responsible for nitrogen application in the “Operator” box and return the form to the Lewis & Clark NRD.

If you are the party responsible for nitrogen application please follow the steps below to complete the annual report. Verify “Owner” and/or “Tenant” information is correct. List the name of your **Crop Consultant**.

- I. **Complete PART I - GENERAL FIELD INFORMATION** – most of this section is self-explanatory.
 - It is important to verify the “Legal Description” and indicate a “Field Name” if you use one.
 - If you grow multiple crops on the acres included in the legal description please make a copy of the form and **use one form to report each crop**. If you cannot make a copy, call the NRD for additional copies. The form is also available on line at www.lcnrd.org.
 - If any of the information which has been automatically generated is incorrect, please change it as necessary.
 - **Please use an aerial photo (available from FSA or NRD) to delineate crop locations, field names, and acres.**
- II. **Complete PART II - 2016 CROP INFORMATION:**
 1. Complete 2016 crop planted, acres, and yield. **If no N fertilizer was applied in 2016**, please skip to PART III – 2016 CROP GOALS. If N fertilizer was applied continue with PART II.
 2. “Water Nitrate Results” can be found on the “Water Testing Results” sheet. If the data was automatically generated on your form please verify the well # and nitrate concentration are correct.
 3. **Average Nitrogen available from the soil** – this information should be taken from your fall 2016 or spring 2016 soil test results. If you do not have the average available from your crop consultant, use the table below to calculate values.

Fall 2015 or Spring 2016 Deep Soil Sample Results:		Sample #1	Sample #2	Sample #3	Sample #4	Sample #5
a.	Soil Sample Identification Number. (from lab report)					
b.	Acres represented per sample. Recommended 40ac minimum per sample.					
c.	Nitrogen available from the soil - using weighted average to represent soil profile. See sample chart below for method.	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
d.	Average Nitrogen available from the soil. avg line “c”.	ppm		Place value on line <u>3</u> under PART II.		

- a. List the soil sample identification number from the lab report.
- b. List the acres represented by each sample.
- c. With deep soil sampling you will need to do a weighted average of each soil sample to determine the nitrogen available for crop use. Following is an example of how to determine Nitrogen available from the soil when using multiple sampling depths. If soil test results are in lbs/ac divide by 0.3 to determine ppm and then plug that information into the table as *Nitrate ppm*.

Depth Increment (inches)	Sample Length (in)		Nitrate – ppm		length x ppm	Average ppm Nitrate in 36 inch sample	
0-8	8	x	30.0	=	240.0	620.0 ppm ÷ 36 in = 17.2 avg ppm	Place the calculated average on line “c.” of above table for each sample performed.
8-24	16	x	20.0	=	320.0		
24-36	12	x	5.0	=	60.0		
			TOTAL		620.0 ppm		

- d. Average the samples from line “d” – place this value on line “3” of Part II.

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II. Continued: Complete PART II - 2016 CROP INFORMATION:

4. If the acres are irrigated, indicate the amount of irrigation water applied.
5. List total amount of commercial fertilizer applied during **pre-plant/pre-emerge** and **post-emerge/sidedress/chemigation**. Please list the types of fertilizer you used (**ex. 28%, 32%, NH3, dry, liquid**) and amounts applied; indicating gals, lbs of actual N, or lbs of product, use the back of the sheet if necessary.
6. If you used a Nitrogen inhibitor please list the name of the inhibitor, and the number of acres treated.

III. Complete PART III – 2017 CROP GOALS: If your crop consultant provided you all the information required in this section - on a single form, you may submit that information in place of completing PART III.

- The equation used in this report to determine Nitrogen Requirement is based on the Nebraska Extension publication EC117 – Fertilizer Suggestions for Corn.

IV. Yield Goal is calculated by averaging the crop yield from the past 5 years and multiplying that number by 1.05.

V. Multiply line "7" x 1.2 and add 35, this will give you the total pounds of Nitrogen per acre needed to meet your yield goal for corn.

VI. If you do not irrigate enter "0" on this line. If you irrigate take the ppm nitrate value from **line "2"** of **PART II** and multiply it by **1.3**. The result is the lbs/ac nitrogen available from six inches of irrigation water.

VII. If you grew a legume crop in 2016, the credit you should use for soybeans or alfalfa is as follows. If you grew corn last year, and will be planting corn or a non-legume crop again this year, you should have a soil test done to accurately determine soil nitrate availability.

	Med/Fine Soil	Sandy Soil
Soybeans*	45 lbs/ac	45 lbs/ac
Alfalfa, 70 – 100% stand (> 4 plants/ft²)	150 lbs/ac	100 lbs/ac
Alfalfa, 30 – 69% stand (1.5 to 4 plants/ft²)	120 lbs/ac	70 lbs/ac
Alfalfa, 0 – 29% stand (< 1.5 plants/ft²)	90 lbs/ac	40 lbs/ac

* If soybean yield is less than 30 bu/ac use 22 lbs/ac

11. Manure is a slow release nitrogen source and there are many variables to accurately calculating manure N Credits. If you apply manure ask your crop consultant, soil lab, or fertilizer dealer to calculate the amount of nitrogen to credit.
12. List the **type** of manure applied - ie. hog, cattle, chicken; and the **method** of manure application – ie. spread dry, spread liquid, injected liquid etc.
13. To determine the average Nitrogen available from the soil, complete the **soil sample results** table in **PART IV** and carry forward line "**D**" from that table to complete this entry.
14. To determine the average % Organic Matter Nitrogen available from the soil, complete the soil sample results table in PART IV and carry forward line "**F**" from that table to complete this entry.
15. To calculate the **NRD Nitrogen Recommendation**, subtract lines **9, 10, 11, 13, and 14** from line **8**. This will tell you the recommended nitrogen needed to achieve your Yield Goal (line A) after accounting for Nitrogen available through other means.
 - It is desirable to apply most of the recommended nitrogen as sidedress and/or with irrigation water after corn is one foot tall and prior to tasseling.

IV. Complete PART IV – Fall 2016 or Spring 2017 Deep Soil Sample Results:

- A. List the soil sample identification number from the lab report.
- B. List the acres represented by each sample.
- C. With deep soil sampling you will need to do a weighted average of each soil sample to determine the nitrogen available for crop use. Following is an example of how to determine Nitrogen available from the soil when using multiple sampling depths. If soil test results are in lbs/ac divide by 0.3 to determine ppm and then plug that information into the table as "*Nitrate- ppm*".

Depth Increment (inches)	Sample Length (in)		Nitrate - ppm		length x ppm	Average ppm nitrate in 36 in sample	Place the calculated average on line "C." on table in PART IV for each sample performed.
0-8	8	x	30.0	=	240.0	620.0 ppm ÷ 36 in	
8-24	16	x	20.0	=	320.0		
24-36	12	x	5.0	=	60.0		
				TOTAL	620.0 ppm	= 17.2 avg ppm	

- D. Average the samples from line "**C**" – place this value on line "**13**" of Part III.
 - E. List % Organic Matter from the soil test results. If the results show <1.0% enter 1.0. If the results show >3.0% enter 3.0. Use actual % for values between 1.0% and 3.0%
 - F. Average the % Organic Matter entries from line "**E**" and carry that forward to **Line "14"** of PART III.
- Please sign and return the form to the Lewis and Clark NRD by April 1, 2017.**
Please call if you have any questions 402-254-6758.