



CHESTER COUNTY  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Understanding Agricultural  
Requirements and how the Chester  
County Conservation District Can  
Help

## Chester County Conservation District (CCCD)

- CCCD provides technical and educational services to residents of Chester County concerning the preservation of our natural resources
- CCCD is associated with the County of Chester, but also has delegation agreements with other agencies, including PA DEP and USDA-NRCS
- CCCD is non-regulatory

## Regulations Affecting Livestock/Equine Operations

- PA DEP Chapter 102 (Clean Streams Law) requires farm operations to have an Agricultural Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (Ag E&S Plan)
- An Ag E&S plan is a basic conservation plan and can be written by the producer themselves. CCCD has instructional packets that can walk a producer through the process
- More detailed conservation plans can be written by CCCD and private consultants if a producer prefers.

## Regulations Affecting Livestock/Equine Operations

- PA Act 38 – Nutrient Management Act
- Operations that have 2 or more animal equivalent units (AEUs) per acre are required to have an approved Act 38 Nutrient Management Plan
- An AEU is a calculation that takes into account the number of animals, their weight, and how many days they are on the farm
- CCCD can help a producer with the calculation
- A private consultant can write the plan and CCCD reviews the plan for approval

## CCCD

- CCCD can help producers obtain a Conservation Plan and/or a Nutrient Management Plan.
- Conservation Plans can be written by staff members or by private consultants
- Nutrient Management Plans can be written by private consultants (CCCD can provide a list of reputable consultants)
- CCCD can also help implement best management practices that are in a Conservation Plan

## CCCD

- Plans feature practices found in fields/pastures as well as around the barnyard
- A good example on livestock/equine operations is streambank fencing, riparian buffers, and stream crossings
- These practices provide benefits both to animal health and environmental health







## Contacting CCCD

- CCCD can answer questions producers have or point that person in the right direction to get answers
- CCCD can be contacted at:

610-925-4920

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