



# DELAWARE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

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## The Delaware Nutrient Management Commission Program & Education Minutes of the Meeting Held March 29, 2006

### In Attendance:

<i>Committee Members Present</i>	<i>Others Present</i>
C. Solberg, Technology Chair	G. Binford
T. Keen	T. Garrahan
J. Manchester	B. Coleman
C. Larimore	S. Hollenbeck
<i>Commission Members Absent</i>	
B. O'Neill	
<i>Ex-officios Present</i>	
W. Rohrer, Jr.	

*This meeting was properly notified and posted as required by law.*

### Call to Order/Welcomes:

C. Solberg called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

### Approval of Minutes:

**C. Larimore motioned to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2006 Program and Education Subcommittee. T. Keen seconded the motion with passed unanimously.**

### Discussion and Action Items:

#### *Discuss Nutrient Certification and Continuing Education Limits:*

B. Rohrer stated it was determined at the last meeting the Program and Education Subcommittee wanted to continue discussion on possibly limiting the number of credits permissible at one time. The issue was resolved concerning better identification of continuing credits as they relate to each certification level.

C. Solberg stated it was also a concern as to the “bankability” of CEUs. B. Rohrer understood this was resolved by bolding specific text in the letter sent certification holders. B. Rohrer noted the database is set up for CEUs to expire within three years. C. Larimore stated she received a letter with her new card and it was very clear.

Discussion ensued concerning continuing education and the certification program. Highlights of this discussion follow:

- C. Larimore stated the “bankability” of CEUs has been resolved or will shortly be resolved
- It is obvious by class title what level of certification is appropriate to the class
- As far as it pertains to appropriateness of a class, the confusion may have come up because there was a concern they needed CEUs

- G. Binford mentioned that a poultry session is scheduled during Ag Week running in the morning and again in the evening
- Annual allowance of CEUs was raised. B. Rohrer noted this would complicate things. His main focus is that the CEUs are obtained within a 3 year period.
- Farmers have an interest in attending classes for the information.

C. Solberg stated Continuing Education limits can be tabled, but reserves the right to bring the topic up at a later date.

G. Binford asked what the procedure was if an individual does not have enough CEUs to renew their certification. B. Rohrer stated the individual needs to be advised their certification is not valid and will not be until they meet the requirement. Also, tell them they will be placed on the audit list. If they are the only one in the operation that is certified they are breaking the law.

Discussed ensued concerning the addition of recouping of the cost of official complaints/hearings to the regulations. Nothing has been done officially. C. Solberg stated this needed to be revisited.

C. Solberg stated he would report the items discussed this evening at the next Full Commission meeting. He asked G. Binford to discuss the plans for next years Ag Week.

Discussion ensued concerning the On-Farm Assessment and Environmental Review (OFAER) Program. B. Rohrer provided a copy of a report to the subcommittee. B. Rohrer noted the following areas of an operation are assessed:

- Building and sheds
- Manure handling and storage
- Manure utilization and land application
- Mortality management
- Summary of recommendations

B. Rohrer provided the logistics of the OFAER and noted the program funded by clean water under EPA. C. Solberg asked if a contract was entered into between the operator and the assessor.

C. Solberg would be comfortable if the program accepted the OFAER as audit results. B. Rohrer prefers receiving proof in the form of a cover letter.

**Public Comments:** NONE

**Next Meeting:** NONE

**Adjournment:**

Chairman Solberg adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Approved,

Carl Solberg, Chair  
Program & Education Subcommittee

BRR/mrp