

Buffer Zones

Maintain 10' buffers of vegetation, 25' at runoff points (may be harvested).
No manure application in buffer zone.
Fertilize and till only to maintain.



Construction of Farm Structures

Maintain local setbacks and no-build area.
Build at least 50' from top of bank.
Design waste facilities to NRCS standards.
New structures \geq 1 acre need permit.



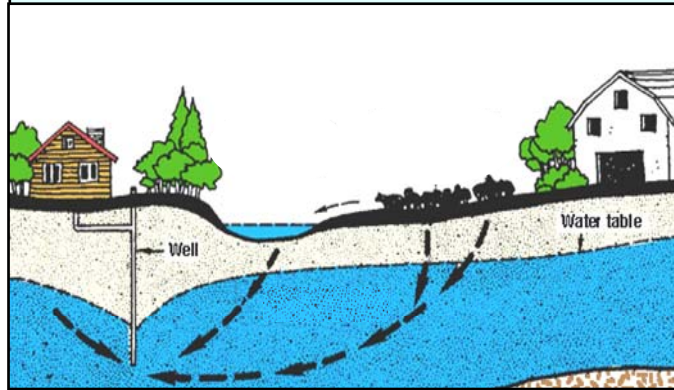
Streambank Stabilization

Stabilize following NRCS standards.



Ground Water Quality

Minimize impact to groundwater quality.
Monitor farm groundwater quality (call phone number below for Farm*A*Syst assistance).



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Accepted Agricultural Practices (AAPs)

Farm Management of Non-Point Source Pollution

The Accepted Agricultural Practices (AAPs) are standards designed to reduce non-point source pollutant discharges through implementation of improved farming techniques.

All farm operators are required to follow the AAPs. The same standard applies for a 5 acre vegetable farm, a 100 cow dairy farm, and a hobby farm with 4 horses in the back yard.

This brochure contains a brief summary of the AAPs. For details or for technical assistance, contact your local Agricultural Resource Specialist (phone numbers on back)



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THE AAPS IN SUMMARY

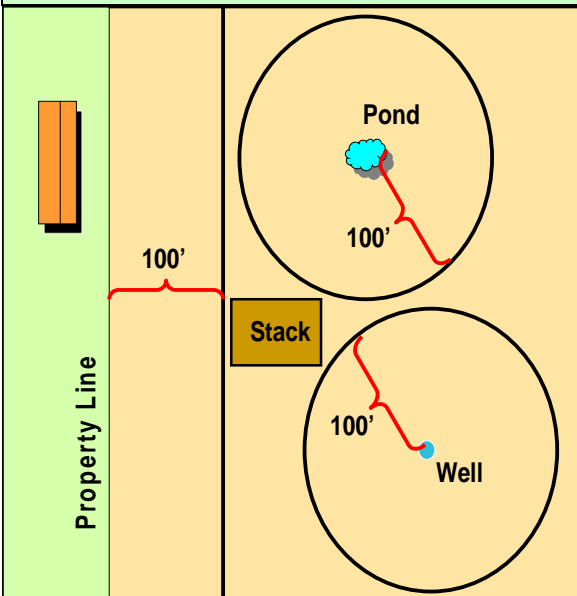
Discharges

No direct discharge to surface water.
 Manage facilities to prevent waste runoff.
 Limit trampling/equipment damage on banks.
 Leave banks in natural state.



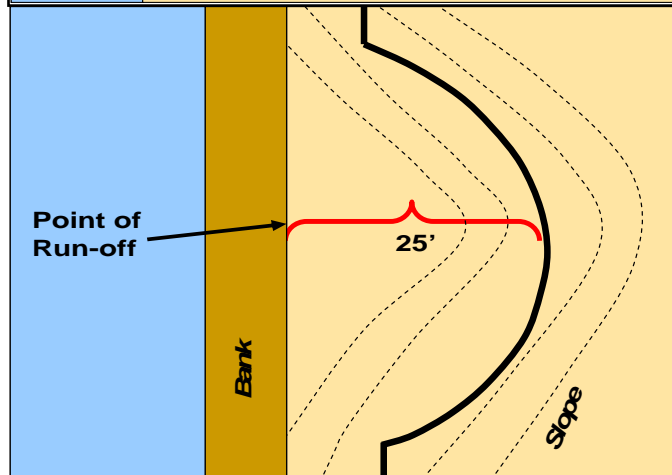
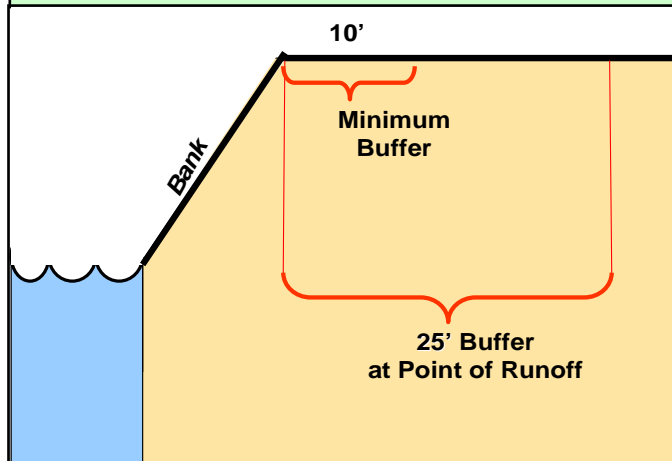
Nutrient & Pesticide Storage

No storage on land subject to over-land flow.
 No storage within 100' of wells, property line or surface water.



Nutrient & Pesticide Application

Apply according to soil tests taken every 5 years.
 Incorporate manure within 48 hours in flood-plains.
 No manure spread Dec 15- April 1.
 No manure applied within 10' of surface water or within 25' at runoff points.
 No livestock or manure within 50' of wells.

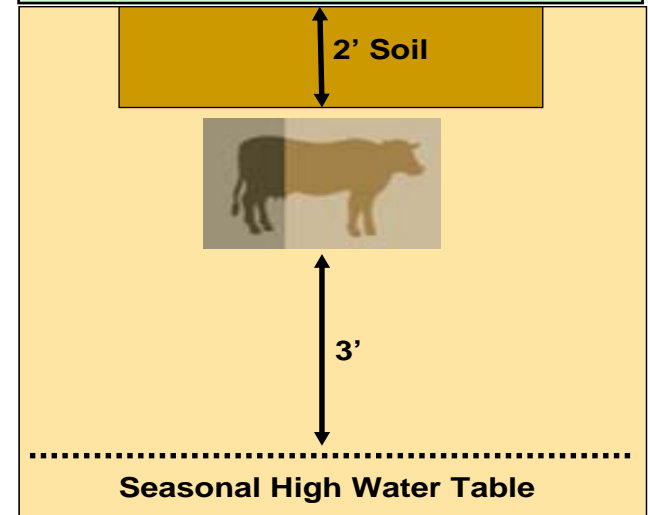


Soil Management

Manage nutrients according to soil tests taken every three years. Manage to keep soil erosion below 2 times the tolerable soils loss for that field.

Mortality Burial

150' from property line, well, surface water.
 3' above seasonal high water table, 2' cover of soil.



Mortality Composting

100' from boundary, wells, surface water.
 Not on land subject to annual overflow.
 300' from neighboring domiciles.

