

## Animal Waste Management Updates

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### Statewide Animal Waste Zooms - 3 hours each

Check your hours - use [go.ncsu.edu/oichours2023](https://go.ncsu.edu/oichours2023) or use



November 15 from 9 am - 12:15 pm  
[go.ncsu.edu/23oicnov15](https://go.ncsu.edu/23oicnov15)  
 Topics: Mortality Management, Irrigation and new technologies

November 30 from 1 - 4:15 pm  
[go.ncsu.edu/23oicnov30](https://go.ncsu.edu/23oicnov30)  
 Topics: Inspection Missteps, Sludge Management, and Soybean Updates (1 hour X pesticide credit at 3pm)

### In-person County Animal Waste Continuing Education Classes - 6 hours

Date	Location	Time	To register, call or email:
Nov, 29	Sampson County	9 am - 4 pm	910-592-7161 or <a href="mailto:max_knowles@ncsu.edu">max_knowles@ncsu.edu</a>
Nov. 30	Robeson County	9 am - 4 pm	910-671-3276 or <a href="mailto:taylor_chavis@ncsu.edu">taylor_chavis@ncsu.edu</a>
Dec. 1	Duplin County	9 am - 4 pm	910-296-2143 or <a href="mailto:amanda_hatcher@ncsu.edu">amanda_hatcher@ncsu.edu</a>
Dec. 5	Bladen County	9 am - 4 pm	910-862-4591 or <a href="mailto:becky_spearman@ncsu.edu">becky_spearman@ncsu.edu</a>
Dec, 6	Greene County	9 am - 4 pm	252-560-6094 or <a href="mailto:kfmohrfe@ncsu.edu">kfmohrfe@ncsu.edu</a>
Dec. 7	Wayne County	9 am - 4 pm	919-705-1921 or <a href="mailto:stefani_sykes@ncsu.edu">stefani_sykes@ncsu.edu</a>
Dec. 12	Duplin County	9 am - 4 pm	910-296-2143 or <a href="mailto:amanda_hatcher@ncsu.edu">amanda_hatcher@ncsu.edu</a>
Dec. 15	Lenoir County	9 am - 4 pm	252-560-6094 or <a href="mailto:kfmohrfe@ncsu.edu">kfmohrfe@ncsu.edu</a>

### Initial 10-hour Animal Waste Operator Class (OIC)

There will be an initial class on January 25 and 26 in Bladen County. Participants will be able to take the March exam. To sign up, call (910) 862-4591.

#### New General Permits

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) held public hearings and a comment period on six draft Animal Feeding Operations general permits (swine, cattle and poultry facilities with liquid waste management systems and animal feeding operations with farm digester systems). Public input will be considered in the development of the general permits, which will become effective Fall 2024.

The proposed timeline shows the new permits will be finalized in January of 2024. Farms will receive mailed packets in January and farmers must apply for a new permit in March 2024 (180 days prior to expiration of current permits).

Details can be found at: <https://www.deq.nc.gov/animalpermits2024>

#### License Fee Increases for Animal Waste Operators

The NC General Assembly increased exam and renewal fees and added a late fee.

- Annual operator renewal is now \$25 (was \$10).
- **There is no longer a grace period. A \$50 late fee will be assessed on January 1 if renewal payment is not received by December 31st.**
- **Not getting your invoice is not an excuse to not pay.**
- You can pay online at <https://epay.deq.nc.gov/ocp-epayments.html>
- Invoices are expected to be sent out the week of Oct 25th. Contact your agent if you don't receive it.
- The exam fee was increased to \$85.

#### 100 Pound PAN overseed is available

Farms can change their Certified Animal Waste Management Plan (CAWMP) to apply 100 pounds to your overseed. 50 pounds can be applied in Oct, Nov, and Dec and 50 pounds in Jan, Feb and March. There is a 25 pounds combined max applied in Dec and Jan. Grazed fields can apply 75 pounds with a 37.5 pounds split in Oct/Nov/Dec and 37.5 pounds in Jan/Feb/March. Talk with your technical specialist if you are interested in changing.

Reminder: Lagoon analysis is required 60 days before or after pumping or applying animal waste.