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1. Wet weather puts livestock producers in a bind

WET WEATHER PUTS LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS IN A BIND

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DES MOINES – Wet weather and a delayed harvest have prevented many livestock producers from fall fertilization by land applying manure.

“Consequently, many producers are faced with manure storage structures that are quickly filling, with no place to put the nutrients,” said Kenneth Hessenius, supervisor of the Spencer DNR field office.

Hessenius added that pumping manure to a small field or letting the storage structure overflow wastes the nutrients. The manure can also cause water quality problems if it reaches a stream.

“We urge producers to contact our DNR field offices for alternative storage or disposal options,” he added. “Our field office staff has worked with lots of producers and can help producers figure out the right solutions for their unique situations.”

Despite drier conditions, livestock producers who can’t complete land application soon should call their area DNR field office listed below:

Manchester (563) 927-2640

Mason City (641) 424-4073

Spencer (712) 262-4177
Atlantic (712) 243-1934
Des Moines (515) 725-0268
Washington (319) 653-2135

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