



Right to Farm GAAMPs Revision

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The Michigan Right to Farm Act provides broad definitions of a farm, its operations, and products as well as a process for the development and adoption of Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMPs). GAAMPs are developed by technical advisory review committees and presented to the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development for review and approval. The GAAMPs cover the following:

- Manure Management and Utilization
- Pesticide Utilization and Pest Control
- Nutrient Utilization
- Care of Farm Animals
- Cranberry Production
- Site Selection and Odor Control for New and Expanding Livestock Facilities
- Irrigation Water Use
- Farm Markets

IMPACT FOR MICHIGAN:

GAAMPs define socially and environmentally responsible farming practices used as the basis for conformance under the Right to Farm Act. Conformance with GAAMPs can be used as an affirmative defense against nuisance litigation. The number of taskforce meetings on each set of GAAMPs provides an indicator of the frequency of use as well as updates needed.

2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Initiated annual reviews of all eight GAAMPs.
- Piloted a virtual training meeting for committee chairpersons.
- Revised the GAAMPs documents, including formatting enhancements.
- A public input meeting was conducted on October 1, 2020, to receive feedback and input on all draft GAAMPs.

MEASURING SUCCESS:

Review Meetings Held	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Manure Management and Utilization	3	2	1	2	2*	3*
Pesticide Use and Pest Control	0	0	0	0	0*	0
Nutrient Utilization	2	0	0	0	0	0
Care of Farm Animals	0	1	1	1	1	1*
Cranberry Production	0	0	0	0	0	0
Livestock Site Selection	5	5	2	4	2	8*
Irrigation Water Use	0	0	0	1	2	0
Farm Markets	0	0	0	0	1	3*

*Committee collaborated remotely or using virtual meeting technologies

2021 PROGRAM GOALS:

- Increase consistency between the GAAMPs documents.
- Continue to improve facilitation of the review process by offering additional trainings, information, and technical support to the review committees.
- Provide greater collaboration through development of annual task chair meeting to review annual timeline, objectives, and consistency.



Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices for Site Selection and Odor Control for New and Expanding Livestock Facilities

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KEY STAKEHOLDERS:

- Michigan farmers and commodity organizations
- State and locally elected officials
- Michigan State University and AgBioResearch
- State and federal conservation and environmental agencies

LEGAL AUTHORITY:

- Michigan Right to Farm Act, Public Act 93 of 1981, as amended