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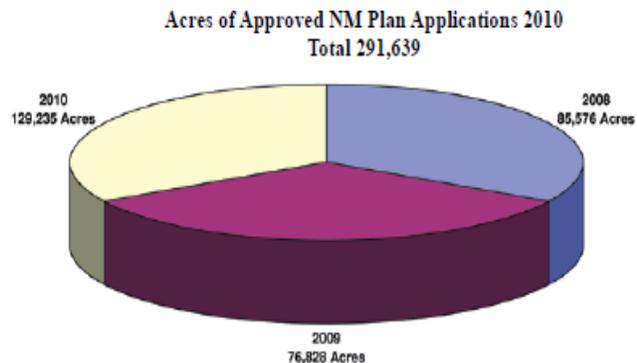
Nutrient Management Commission's annual report is now on-line

http://www.dda.delaware.gov/nutrients/forms/2010/2010_NMAAnnualRpt.pdf

On April 1, 2011, the Delaware Nutrient Management Commission released its 2010 Annual Report to Governor Markell and the Delaware General Assembly. In keeping with the Nutrient Management Law, all farmers and other nutrient handlers must develop and implement phosphorus limited nutrient management plans, maintain nutrient handling records, maintain nutrient certification, and submit an annual report. The report details the 2010 accomplishments of the Delaware Nutrient Management Program. According to the Report, "The implementation progress illustrated in this annual report demonstrates that nutrient handlers are making significant improvements in reducing nutrient runoff. Animal feeding operations, row crop farmers, horse operations, golf courses and lawn care companies are implementing nutrient management practices and demonstrating accountability."

Some of the topics discussed in the 2010 Annual Report are the following:

- Program Goals
- Planning
- Manure Relocation
- Critical Areas
- New CAFO Regulations
- New State Technical Standards
- TMDL and The Chesapeake Bay WIP
- Storm Water Control
- Equine Industry
- Mass Balancing
- Best Management Practices
- Nutrient Management Research
- Cooperative Agreement with Poultry Companies

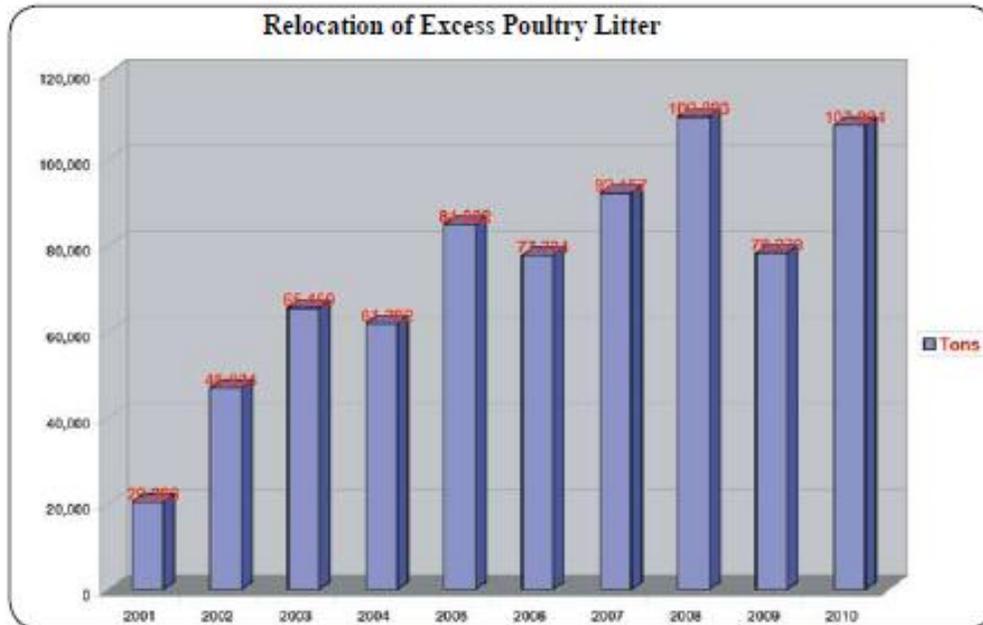


A complete copy of the report is available on the web at:

http://www.dda.delaware.gov/nutrients/forms/2010/2010_NMAAnnualRpt.pdf or by calling 302.698.4500.

Secretary Ed Kee said "Delaware farmers understand that water quality requires good nutrient management. Our farmers continue to accept challenges as they arise and find solutions. They demonstrate excellent environmental stewardship by employing best management practices such as adequate manure storage, vegetative buffers, water control structures, storm water management and much more. Their on-going commitment is demonstrated in this report."

Highlights of the report include nutrient management certification continuing education classes for 3,162 participants, 129,235 acres of nutrient management planning assistance, 107,924 tons of excess poultry litter/manure relocated, three environmental stewardship awards, and many other updates on nutrient management related topics for Delaware.



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