

2020 Instructions for Phase III Annual Report

Completion of this form is required for cropped acres in the Bazile Groundwater Management Area (BGMA) of Knox County. Reporting requirements were established as part of the Rules and Regulations for the BGMA by the Lewis & Clark NRD Board of Directors in 2004 in response to consistently high nitrate levels detected in the region.

If the acres you own are not cropped – or you no longer own or operate the acres list the name of the current **owner** and/or **operator** (if necessary), verify the **Legal Description** under **PART I - GENERAL FIELD INFORMATION**, list the current land use in the **Field Name** box, and return the form to the Lewis & Clark NRD. If you are the owner, and the acres are farmed, but you do not make decisions about nitrogen application indicate the name of the person who is responsible for nitrogen application in the **Operator** box and return the form to the Lewis & Clark NRD.

If you are responsible for nitrogen application, follow the steps below to complete the annual report. Verify **Owner** and/or **Operator** information is correct. List the name of your **Crop consultant**.

I. **Complete PART I - GENERAL FIELD INFORMATION** – most of this section is self-explanatory.

- It is important to verify the **Legal Description** and indicate a **Field Name**.
- If you grow multiple crops on the acres included in the legal description, make a copy of the form, and **use one form to report each crop**. If you cannot make a copy, call the NRD for additional copies. The form is also available online at lcnrd.nebraska.gov under the “Water Resources” tab and then under “Water Quality”.
- If any of the information which has been automatically generated is incorrect, change it, as necessary.
- **Use an aerial photo (available from FSA, NRD or online) to delineate crop locations, field names, and acres.**

II. **Complete PART II -2020 CROP INFORMATION:**

1. Complete **crop planted 2020**, **acres planted**, and **2020 crop yield** even if no nitrogen was applied.
2. **Water nitrate results** can be found on line 2 of the annual report. If the data was automatically generated on your form, verify the **well #** and **water nitrate results** are correct.
3. **Average nitrogen available from the soil** – this information should be taken from your Fall 2019 or Spring 2020 soil test results. If you do not have the average available from your crop consultant, use the table below to calculate values.

FALL 2020 OR SPRING 2021 DEEP SOIL SAMPLE RESULTS:		Sample #1	Sample #2	Sample #3	Sample #4	Sample #5
a.	Soil sample identification number. (from lab report)					
b.	Acres represented per sample. Recommended 40 ac minimum per sample.					
c.	Nitrogen available from the soil - using weighted average to represent soil profile. See sample chart below for method.	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
d.	Average nitrogen available from the soil. avg line c.			ppm	Multiply this value by 8 to get lbs. N/ac. Place this value on line 3 under PART II	
						lbs. N/ac

- a. List the **soil sample identification number** from the lab report.
- b. List the **acres represented per sample**.
- c. With deep soil sampling you will need to do a weighted average of each soil sample to determine the **nitrogen available from the soil**. Following is an example of how to determine nitrogen available from the soil when using multiple sampling depths.

Depth Increment (inches)	Sample Length (in)	x	Nitrate (ppm)	=	Total Nitrates in Sample	Average ppm Nitrate in 36-inch sample	
0-8	8	x	30.0	=	240.0	620.0 ppm ÷ 36 in = 17.2 avg ppm	Place the calculated average on line c. of above table for each sample performed.
8-24	16	x	20.0	=	320.0		
24-36	12	x	5.0	=	60.0		
			TOTAL		620.0 ppm		

- d. Average the samples from line c. Then multiply this value by 8 to get the answer in lbs. N/ac – place this value on line 3 of **PART II**.

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II. Continued: Complete PART II - 2020 CROP INFORMATION:

4. If the acres are irrigated, indicate the amount of **irrigation water applied**.
5. List total amount of **commercial fertilizer applied** during pre-plant/pre-emerge and post-emerge/side-dress/chemigation. List the types of fertilizer used (ex. 28%, 32%, NH₃, dry, liquid) and amounts applied; indicating gals, lbs. of actual N, or lbs. of product, use the back of the sheet if necessary.
6. If a nitrogen inhibitor was used list the **name of the inhibitor**, and the **number of acres treated**.

III. Complete PART III – 2021 CROP GOALS: If your crop consultant provided all the information required for this section on one page, you may submit that information in place of completing PART III.

- The equation used in this report to determine nitrogen requirement is based on the Nebraska Extension publication EC117 – Fertilizer Suggestions for Corn.
7. **Yield goal** is calculated by averaging the crop yield from the past 5 years and multiplying that number by 1.05.
 8. To get the **total pounds of nitrogen per acre needed to meet yield goal** for corn, multiply line 7 by 1.2 and add 35.
 9. If you do not irrigate enter "X" on this line. If you irrigate take the ppm nitrate value from line 2 of **PART II** and multiply by 1.3. The result is the **lbs./ac nitrogen available from 6 in. of irrigation water**.
 10. If you grew corn last year and will be planting corn or a non-legume crop again this year, you must have a soil test done to accurately determine soil nitrate availability. If you grew a legume crop in 2020, the credit you should use for soybeans or alfalfa is as follows:

	Med/Fine Soil	Sandy Soil
Soybeans*	45 lbs./ac	45 lbs./ac
Alfalfa, 70 – 100% stand (> 4 plants/ft²)	150 lbs./ac	100 lbs./ac
Alfalfa, 30 – 69% stand (1.5 to 4 plants/ft²)	120 lbs./ac	70 lbs./ac
Alfalfa, 0 – 29% stand (< 1.5 plants/ft²)	90 lbs./ac	40 lbs./ac

* If soybean yield is less than 30 bu/ac use 22 lbs./ac

11. Manure is a slow-release nitrogen source and there are many variables to accurately calculating manure N credits. If you apply manure ask your crop consultant, soil lab, or fertilizer dealer to calculate the amount of **nitrogen available from manure** to credit.
12. List the **type of manure applied** - i.e., hog, cattle, chicken; and the method of manure application – i.e., spread dry, spread liquid, injected liquid etc.
13. To determine the **soil nitrate available to crop**, complete **PART IV – DEEP SOIL SAMPLE RESULTS**. To calculate, multiply the value from line D by 8.
14. To determine the **Organic matter N available to crop**, complete **PART IV – DEEP SOIL SAMPLE RESULTS**. To calculate, multiply the values from line F, line 7 and 0.14.
15. To calculate the **NRD nitrogen recommendation**, subtract the sum of lines 9, 10, 11, 13, and 14 from line 8. This will tell you the recommended nitrogen needed to achieve your yield goal (line A) after accounting for nitrogen available through other means.
 - It is desirable to apply most of the recommended nitrogen as side-dress and/or with irrigation water after corn is at least one foot tall and prior to tasseling.

IV. Complete PART IV – FALL 2020 OR SPRING 2021 DEEP SOIL SAMPLE RESULTS:

- A. List the **soil sample identification number** from the lab report.
- B. List the **acres represented per sample**.
- C. With deep soil sampling you will need to do a weighted average of each soil sample to determine the **nitrogen available from the soil**. Following is an example of how to determine nitrogen available from the soil when using multiple sampling depths.

Depth Increment (inches)	Sample Length (in)	x	Nitrate (ppm)	=	Total Nitrates in Sample	Average ppm nitrate in 36 in sample	Place the calculated average on line C. in PART IV for each sample performed.
0-8	8	x	30.0	=	240.0	620.0 ppm ÷ 36 in = 17.2 avg ppm	
8-24	16	x	20.0	=	320.0		
24-36	12	x	5.0	=	60.0		
TOTAL					620.0 ppm		

- D. Average the samples from line C – this value will be used to calculate line 13 of **PART III**.
- E. List **% organic matter** from the soil test results. If the results show <1.0% enter 1.0. If the results show >3.0% enter 3.0. Use actual % for values between 1.0% and 3.0%
- F. **Average the % organic matter** entries from line E – This value will be used to calculate line 14 of **PART III**.

Return the annual report(s) to the Lewis & Clark NRD by March 1, 2021.
Call Chase Buettner if you have questions 402-254-6758.