



## Right to Farm GAAMPs Revision

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The Michigan Right to Farm Act provides broad definitions of a farm, farm operation, farm 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 task force meetings on each set of GAAMPs provides an indicator of the frequency of use, as well as updates needed.

### FY18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Each of the eight GAAMPs review committee chairpersons were contacted to initiate annual reviews.
- MDARD staff participated in each GAAMPs review committee meeting.
- A public input meeting was conducted on October 29, 2018, to receive feedback and input on all draft GAAMPs.

**MEASURING SUCCESS:**

Review Meetings Held	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Manure Management and Utilization	1	3	2	1	2
Pesticide Use and Pest Control	0	0	0	0	0
Nutrient Utilization	1	2	0	0	0
Care of Farm Animals	1	0	1	1	1
Cranberry Production	0	0	0	0	0
Livestock Site Selection	2	5	5	2	4
Irrigation Water Use	0	0	0	0	1
Farm Markets	0	0	0	0	0

**FY19 PROGRAM GOALS:**

- Implement a more active and technology driven GAAMPs review process.
- Facilitate review committee operations by collecting public input, providing on-farm context, and supporting committee activities.
- Improve formatting, consistency and accessibility of the GAAMPs.
- Create guidance documents for public use in implementing GAAMPs standards.
- Provide information on MDARD’s administration of the GAAMPs to the Commission.



**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