

Conformance Request Application

This application is for a voluntary on-site review by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's Right to Farm Program staff.

Please complete the form to the best of your ability. This will help the Right to Farm Program staff understand the complexity of your farm operation, as well as which of the Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices (GAAMPs) apply to your farm.

For more details on what to expect during this process, visit Michigan.gov/righttofarm.

Section 1: Applicant Information

Owner Name	Mailing Address		
Operation Name	City	State	Zip
Owner Phone (main)	Site address (if different from mailing address)		
Owner Email	City	state	zip
Alternative Contact(s)	Alternative contact email		
Alternative Phone Number			

Section 2: Local government information for operation:

County: _____

Township, Village, or City: _____

Please include with your application:

<input type="checkbox"/> Included	A brief letter or email requesting a GAAMPs conformance review, and a statement as to why you are requesting this review.
<input type="checkbox"/> Included	Labeled map of your farmstead/property identifying the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • property lines • farm buildings and their uses • sensitive areas (surface waters, wetlands, wells, etc.) • areas managed as part of the farm operation

Section 3: Farm Animals: What kind of farming activities are you involved in? - Please mark the appropriate checkboxes. If yes, review and fill out information in following section. If no, move on to the next section)

<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Do you raise any Farm Animals?			
	If yes, please indicate which species and how many below.			
	Chickens	Swine	Cattle/ Bison	Llamas/ Alpacas
	Sheep	Goats	Horses / Donkeys	Turkeys
	Rabbits	Mink/ Fox	Honeybees	Other (describe)

<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<p>I would like a review of my Livestock Facilities for conformance with the Site Selection and odor control GAAMPs.</p> <p>Site Selection GAAMPs describe the appropriate placement and odor management of livestock on your property. <i>If yes, please include items related to facility management, complete manure management plan, and animal unit calculations.</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<p>I would like a review of my manure management practices for conformance with the Manure Management and Utilization GAAMPs.</p> <p>Manure management and utilization GAAMPs describe the careful storage, handling, and land application of manure as needed to utilize nutrients, control odors, and protect water resources. These practices include recommendations for: runoff control, odor management, manure storage facility design, manure application to land, record keeping, and manure management system plans. <i>If yes, please include items related to facility management and a complete manure management plan.</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<p>I would like a review of my animal care practices for conformance with the Care of Farm Animals GAAMPs.</p> <p>Animal care includes nutrition, manure management and sanitation, animal handling and restraint, transportation, facilities and equipment, health care and medical procedures, recommendations for the environment, and honeybee specific management practices. <i>If yes, please include items related to facility management and a complete animal care plan.</i></p>

Section 4: Crop Production: What kind of farming activities are you involved in? - Please mark the appropriate checkboxes. If yes, review and fill out information in following section. If no, move on to the next section)

If your operation appears to house over 50 animal units (please see Site Selection and Odor Control GAAMPs for clarification) please submit a [Livestock Site Selection Application](#).¹

<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<p>Do you grow or produce farm products? Examples may include row crops, fruits, vegetables, tree products, etc. If, yes fill out the section below.</p>								
	<p>What kind of land areas do you manage, what do you raise/ harvest?</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Size (acres)</td> <td>crop/ products grown</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Size (acres)</td> <td>crop/ products grown</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Size (acres)</td> <td>crop/ products grown</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Size (acres)</td> <td>crop/ products grown</td> </tr> </table>	Size (acres)	crop/ products grown	Size (acres)	crop/ products grown	Size (acres)	crop/ products grown	Size (acres)	crop/ products grown
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<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<p>Are manures, composts, agricultural byproducts, commercial fertilizer and/or soil amendments used?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<p>I would like a review of my manure management practices for conformance with Manure Management and Utilization GAAMPs.</p> <p>Manure management and utilization GAAMPs describe the careful storage, handling, and land application of manure is needed to utilize nutrients, control odors, and protect water resources. These practices include recommendations for: runoff control, odor management, manure storage facility design, manure application to land, record keeping, and manure management system plans.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<p>I would like a review of my nutrient management practices for conformance with the Nutrient Utilization GAAMPs.</p> <p>GAAMPs for Nutrient Utilization include guidance on environmentally sound land application of commercial fertilizers, manure, and other organic materials, such as food processing by-products, municipal wastes, and aquatic plant materials for crop production. Nutrient management practices include regular soil testing, manure nutrient analysis, and realistic crop yield goals. Areas covered by these practices include on-farm fertilizer storage/containment, land application of fertilizer, soil conservation and erosion control, irrigation management, and container grown (greenhouse) plants.</p> <p><i>If yes, please include your operation's Manure Management or Nutrient Management (as appropriate) plan describing how you handle manure, fertilizer, or by-products. Include supporting information (soil tests, manure estimates, fertilizer records, nutrient recommendations, tissue analysis, crops grown, etc.).</i></p>

¹ https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/-/media/Project/Websites/mdard/documents/environment/rf/livestock_siting_application.pdf

Section 5: Pesticide Use: What kind of farming activities are you involved in? - Please mark the appropriate checkboxes. If yes, review and fill out information in following section. If no, move on to the next section)

<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<p>Do you use any pesticides on these crops or partake in any manual or mechanical pest management activities?</p> <p>Examples may include herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, organic insect or disease control products, utilizing fencing, tillage, sound machines, row cultivators, or other practices to control insects, weeds, or other pests.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<p>I would like a review of my Pesticide Utilization practices for conformance with the Pesticide Utilization and Pest Control GAAMPs</p> <p>Pesticide utilization – Pest Control GAAMPs describe worker safety, application procedures, transportation, storage, disposal of unused pesticides and containers, and record keeping.</p> <p><i>If yes, please include items related to your operations' pesticide utilization plan.</i></p>

Section 6: Irrigation: What kind of farming activities are you involved in? - Please mark the appropriate checkboxes. If yes, review and fill out information in following section. If no, move on to the next section)

<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<p>Do you irrigate any of these areas?</p> <p>Examples may include center pivot irrigation systems, use a traveling gun water system, drip irrigate, or individually hose watering.</p> <p>If yes, what percentage do you irrigate?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<p>I would like a review of my irrigation practices for conformance with the irrigation Water Use GAAMPs</p> <p>GAAMPs for Irrigation Water Use are based on the core principle of stewardship. Stewardship in irrigation management includes conservation of water quantity, protection of water quality, and productivity of soil, plant quality, and crop yield.</p> <p><i>If yes, please include items related to your operation's written irrigation management plan.</i></p>

Section 7: Farm Market: What kind of farming activities are you involved in? - Please mark the appropriate checkboxes. If yes, review and fill out information in following section. If no, move on to the next section)

<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<p>Do you sell farm products directly to consumers on a property that you own or manage?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<p>I would like a review of my farm market or roadside stand for conformance with the Farm Market GAAMPs</p> <p>Farm Market GAAMPs, help define and provide guidance as to what constitutes an on-farm market and farm market activities.</p> <p><i>If yes, please include details related to the management of your farm market.</i></p>

Please check 'YES' to **ONLY one** box below:

<input type="checkbox"/> YES	I would like a review of <u>all applicable GAAMPs</u> for my operation. I feel that the above checked boxes correspond to all GAAMPs and related activities on my operation.
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	I would like a review of <u>only the above selected GAAMPs</u> for my operation.

Send this application page, your letter requesting a conformance review, *and any necessary attachments* to Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, MDARD-rtf@michigan.gov or mail to the address below.

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