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The following information has been submitted through the Draft Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule Comment Form.

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Comment: The nitrogen fertilizer rule will have great implications in my are most of the land that we farm has been determined that it is not suitable for fall nitrogen. We have been using BMP for many years, by split applying nitrogen in three separate applications. we put 50 pounds out in the fall with the P,K and micro nutrients, then in the spring 10 pounds with the planter then side dress on 80 to 90 pounds at 6 collar corn with UAN. I feel that our ground is not in the extreme vulnerable area just because their is bed rock 10 ft bellow the surface that we should be limited to 10 pounds. I believe that if fall applications were limited to 50 pounds in the fall would be more realistic so we can apply the P and K in the fall and would not have to wait for the coop in the spring to apply it also the weight of the machine would be very hard on the ground the ground with the large clay base that our soil has. with the nitrate well testing they are not all ways telling the complete story, ground water in my area has always had high nitrate in the water. Within the last 20 years my well nitrate levels have dropped slightly, even with us using more nitrogen in row crop production. I hope you take my comments into consideration!