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Comments
There should be a local advisory team in the rule areas, at least on the county level.

Some of the vulnerable area has light soil on top to clay underneath. Local input is needed.

We have a small window now for tent. App.

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Comments
- Split application needs to be allowed
- Very little help (limited)
- Fall/ Spring
- Alternative could be slow release urea?

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Applicable area needs to be less than Full section 50% coverage applicable. Non-crop area of sections need to be removed from applicable areas.

NW MN application window is very small deep bonding Ferti is not possible due to wet spring conditions, filling in spring Ferti creates erosion issues.

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add to PP program to cover lack of spring N availability from vendors
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Comments
We already use BMP's, we follow and apply according to recommendations.
We have frozen ground up north and a short growing season. We run out of fertilizer supply every season where the crops can not get material for us. We must apply in the Fall or we will not get all our crop planted in a timely fashion. The North should be different than the South. The "Brown" area is not always a very accurate area, that should be restricted
(Continue on back if needed) Farmers who need to make money.

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Northwest Minnesota is completely different in climate than southern Minnesota. Minnesota State government likes to "lump" all areas together. We do not have similar problems that SE Minnesota & parts of central Minnesota have with groundwater nitrate contamination. Why should we be penalized for other areas problems?

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This meeting was supposed to be science based yet absolutely no ground water testing is scheduled to occur in Marshall Co, Pennington Co, Kittson Co, Roseau Co, Beltrami Co, Lake of the Woods Co etc prior to the rule being adopted.

I am a graduate electrical engineer; problem are solved with data not speculation and assumption. I have never seen such a dysfunctional process in applying a rule that will literally impact every farmer in NW MN.

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Someone needs to be fired at the MN Dept of Ag. This process should have never gotten this far.