

Proposed Groundwater Protection Rule: What's next?

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture is proceeding with the rulemaking process to adopt regulations to restrict the use of nitrogen fertilizer.

The Minnesota Corn Growers Association encourages all farmers to participate in the rulemaking process to:

- Ensure accurate information is presented about the practices that farmers have already voluntarily implemented to improve the use of nitrogen fertilizer.
- Provide crucial farmer perspective on the impact of the proposed rule to farm operations and potential challenges farmers will face in implementing the proposed rule.





Visit mncorn.org/nitrogenrule for more info about the proposed rule and the rulemaking process

Five public hearings will be held around the state between July 16 - July 26, 2018 to hear testimony and gather info from the public (including farmers). Written comments may also be submitted until August 2, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

MCGA encourages farmers to provide testimony and comments on:

- Steps you have taken to continually improve nitrogen use efficiency such as voluntarily implementing the existing nitrogen fertilizer best management practices or other innovative practices like precision ag.
- The importance of maintaining local control to ensure potential nitrogen fertilizer practice requirements are appropriate for the area. Emphasize the need for local advisory teams to be comprised primarily of farmers and crop consultants.