

Did You Know?

The Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offers in-house planning, design, construction supervision, and financial assistance for conservation work.

Technical Assistance

- **Planning**

The goals of the farmer are included when determining the best options to correct the resource concern.



- **Engineering Design**

Professional engineer and technicians will provide survey and design at no expense.

- **Construction Supervision and Follow-up**

Complete project guidance from start to finish.



Financial Assistance

The Stearns County SWCD and NRCS will help the farmer apply for funding to install conservation practices for environmental concerns. This includes incentive payments for management practices like nutrient and pest management. Low interest loans may also be available for both construction and equipment costs.



SUCCESS STORY:

Glen and Becky Christen own and operate a dairy farm in Stearns County. They worked with the Stearns County SWCD and NRCS office to address environmental concerns on their farm. They had this to say about their project. "We have seen many benefits of our waste storage facility including increased nutrient value of the manure and labor savings from no longer having to daily haul. We also enjoy not worrying about feedlot runoff contaminating public waters. Without the cost share program our project would not have been financially feasible."



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*Keeping our land PRODUCTIVE and
our water CLEAN!*

Are You Maximizing Your Farm's Resource Potential?



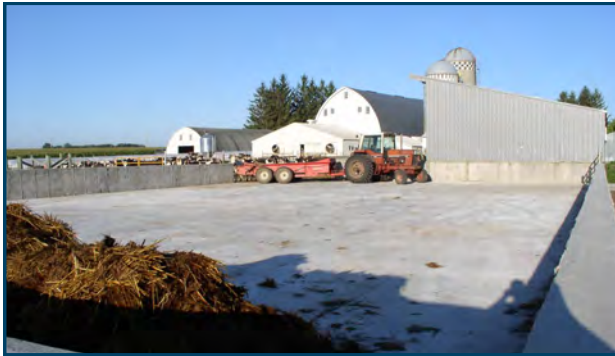
**We Can Help You Choose
The Best Manure Storage
Facility For Your Farm**



Types of Storage Structures

Resource Concerns Addressed

Accompanying Practices



Stacking Slabs for Solid Manure



In-Ground Liquid Manure Storage Areas



Above-Ground Liquid Manure Storage Areas

- Eliminates feedlot runoff to surface waters
- Provides storage for milk house waste
- Eliminates winter manure hauling
- Allows the farmer to retain more nitrogen for the crop to utilize
- Eliminates nutrient leaching to ground water
- Total compliance with local, state and federal feedlot regulations
- Helps to control feed storage runoff
- Assistance with nutrient management planning



A local farmer that completed a manure storage facility project with our office, and a three year nutrient management contract, injects manure on his crop land.



Cover Crops



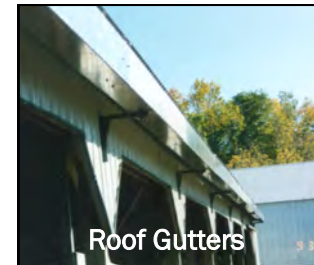
Animal Mortality Facility



Manure Solid Separator



Waste Facility Closure



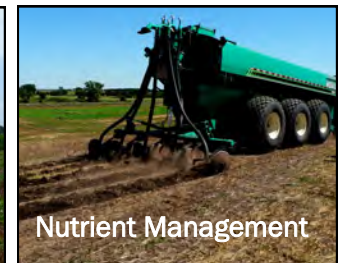
Roof Gutters



Roof Structure



Irrigation Water Management



Nutrient Management



Vegetated Treatment Area



Concrete Curb