

COMPARISON OF AGRICULTURAL RECOMMENDATIONS

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Topic area	AG Work Group recommendation	Lake Champlain Restoration Plan Recommendations	H. 586
Increased outreach and inspections	Yes	Yes	yes
Custom applicator training	Yes	No	Certification of custom applicators -
Mandatory AAP training for farmers	Yes	No	Yes
Certification of small farms	Yes for all subject to AAPs	Yes for all subject to AAPs	Definition of small farm to be determined-
Livestock exclusion	Yes – where eroding bank, lack of vegetation and all production areas, with opportunity for waiver Perennial only	Yes, “performance based”, same requirements, but that does not appear to be the feeling of some folks internally. Perennial waters only	Yes – allows waiver. Requires from ALL waters of the state
Prioritization of cost-share	Do not prioritize livestock exclusion over other more important water quality concerns	None	Prioritize state cost share funding to small farms and for livestock exclusion (until 2019 for LE) except where Sec determines a severe condition needing immediate abatement
Riparian Buffers	25’ min unless a NMP allows otherwise	25’ min but allows flexibility with certified plan	25’ required
Field ditch buffers	None	10’ required	10’ required
Soil erosion	All farms meet T	All farms meet T	All farms meet T
Winter spreading ban	Allow exemptions for “good farmers” with NMP	Same with some specifications re: slope and application rates	Modifications and details
Nutrient management plans (NMPs)	Develop screening tool to determine at what size a farm should be required to do	Same	Required for any farmer spreading manure, so basically all.
Incentives	Develop incentives to encourage additional practices	None	None
Gully erosion	None	Stabilize field gullies	None