

Title 6: Agriculture

Chapter 215: Agricultural Water Quality

Subchapter 9a: Certification of Nutrient Management Plan Technical Service Providers

§ 4989. Certification of Nutrient Management Plan Technical Service Providers

(a) On or before July 1, 2019, the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall adopt by rule a process by which a nutrient management technical service providers shall be certified to operate within the State. The certification process shall require a nutrient management technical service provider to complete eight hours of training over each five-year period regarding:

- (1) calculating manure and agricultural waste generation; and
- (2) taking soil and manure samples; and
- (3) identifying and creating maps of all natural resource features; and
- (4) erosion calculation tools; and
- (5) reconciling plans using records; and
- (6) nutrient index tools; and

(7) requirements within the Required Agricultural Practices, Medium Farm Operation rules and general permit, and Large Farm Operation rules.

(b) A nutrient management technical service provider shall not create nutrient management plans for farms unless certified by the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets