

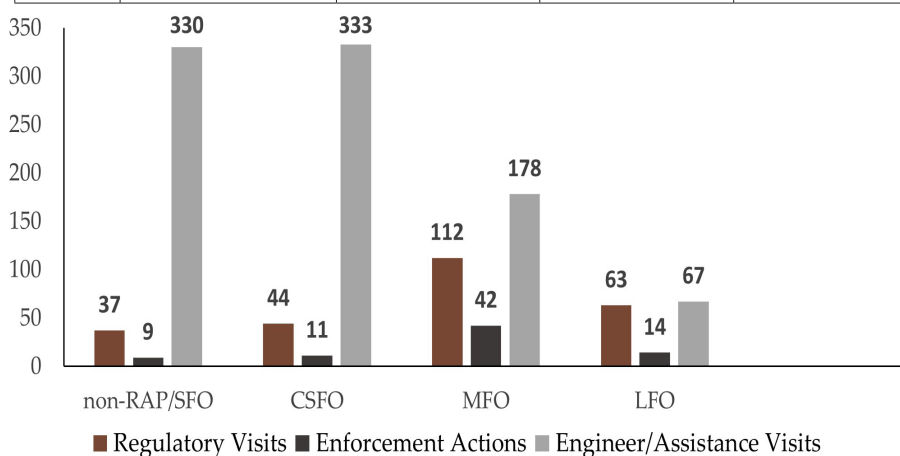
Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Water Quality Division FY2021 Inspection and Enforcement Summary

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (VAAFMM) has developed a comprehensive approach to the regulation of farms in order to best protect Vermont's water resources. VAAFMM's approach provides size-specific regulatory oversight of Vermont farms of all sizes subject to regulation under the Required Agricultural Practices (RAP) Rule, including Small Farm Operations (SFOs), Certified Small Farm Operations (CSFOs), Medium Farm Operations (MFOs), and Large Farm Operations (LFOs).

This factsheet summarizes enforcement data from the VAAFMM Agricultural Water Quality Enforcement Program State Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Annual Report, along with regulatory and engineer/assistance farm visit data recorded by the VAAFMM Water Quality Program. In FY21, the Water Quality Program recorded 256 regulatory farm visits and 908 engineer/technical assistance visits. The Ag Water Quality Enforcement Report can be found at agriculture.vermont.gov/water-quality/enforcement-compliance/enforcement-reports.

SUMMARY OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND REFERRALS 2017-2021

YEAR	NUMBER OF REGULATORY FARM VISITS COMPLETED BY WATER QUALITY COMPLIANCE STAFF	FARMS RECEIVING ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS	FARM REFERRALS TO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE	FARM REFERRALS TO AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
2017	352	82	2	18
2018	675	101	7	32
2019	614	98	6	38
2020	571	106	2	34
2021	256	76	0	15



ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED MONETARY PENALTIES

In FY21, VAAFMM issued 76 enforcement actions for 159 alleged violations on 76 farms. Of these enforcement actions, three were Notices of Violation (NOVs) with associated monetary penalties totaling \$9,750.

15 farms were referred to the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation (ANR DEC) for alleged point source discharges of wastes to surface water. For information related to these referrals, please contact ANR DEC.

36 LFOs
113 MFOs
256 CSFOs

NUMBERS OF REGULATED OPERATIONS

64 APPLICATORS

CERTIFIED CUSTOM MANURE APPLICATORS

2,512 ACRES

OF PRODUCTION AREA INSPECTED BY AAFM FOR RAP, AND/OR MFO/LFO PERMIT COMPLIANCE

76 ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

ASSOCIATED WITH 159 ALLEGED VIOLATIONS



AAFM Water Quality Specialist and DEC Environmental Analyst assess a pasture



AAFM Eco Americorp Service Member assesses cover crop