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Year

# **Record Keeping for Crop Yields**

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Name of Farm



## Crop Yields

Each time a field (perennial or annual) is harvested, record it in this booklet. There are two sections per page, one section should be used for one field or one group of fields managed together. Ideally, the Field IDs or Management Units (MU) used in this booklet should match your NMP.

For **each cropland field/section**, indicate:

<b>Field ID(s) / MU</b>	The field name(s), ID(s), or name of management unit where the harvest occurred.
<b>Crop / harvest type</b>	The type of crop and harvest (e.g. corn silage, hay baleage, small squares, etc.) from the field.
<b>Soil practice</b>	Indicate whether planting occurred with no till, reduced till, or if the field was cover cropped.
<b>Number of Loads / Bales / Bushels</b>	Number of loads, bales, or bushels of crops harvested. <i>Use to calculate 'Total yield.'</i>
<b>Average weight</b>	Tonnage or poundage of EACH load/ bale/bushel. <i>Indicate units below. Use to calculate 'Total yield.'</i>
<b>Harvest date</b>	Date the loads/bales/bushels were harvested.
<b>Total yields</b>	Total crop removal from field. <i>Calculate by multiplying # of harvested units by average weight. Indicate whether wet or dry weight.</i>

## A quick look at the RAPs

### Keeping Yield Records:

Yield records are critical to Nutrient Management Plans (NMPs). Yield indicates the amount of nutrients your crops are taking up, and therefore the amount of nutrients that may need to be applied.

Yield records are requested with your NMP during Water Quality inspections.

### Protect Your Soil:

When growing and harvesting crops, use best management practices to:

- Promote & protect soil health
- Minimize soil erosion & loss

**Annual croplands subject to frequent flooding** are required to be planted to cover crops by the following dates:

<b>Broadcast seeding</b>	Must be completed by October 1st.
<b>Drilled/Incorporated seeding</b>	Must be completed by October 15th.
<b>If annual crops cannot be harvested prior to Oct. 15th:</b> 30% crop residue growing directly in the soil must remain.	

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