

Required Agricultural Practices Summary

Act 64, signed into law by the Governor on June 16, 2015, amended and enacted multiple requirements related to water quality in the State. The act amended several provisions regarding agricultural water quality. The "accepted agricultural practices" are renamed the "required agricultural practices" (RAPs). The AAPs and RAPs are minimum standards by which a farm must manage their agricultural operations. VAAFM has been charged to revise the RAPs by rule. The revised RAPs have been charged to include requirements for:

- Small farm certification
- Nutrient storage
- Soil health
- Buffer zones
- Livestock exclusion
- Nutrient management
- Tile drainage (By: January 15, 2018)