

## Vermont Pay for Phosphorus (VPFP) Program

### Basic Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a Vermont farm as [defined in the Required Agricultural Practices \(RAPs\) \(LINK\)](#)
  - If unsure, farms can [request an eligibility determination \(LINK\)](#)
- Must manage annual cropland or hay land (owned or rented)
  - Pasture is currently not eligible for the VPFP program. To be entered into FarmPREP, a field cannot have been grazed at any point in the season.
- Farm business must be registered with the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) and all managed land must be mapped accordingly and in compliance with federal Highly Erodible Land and Wetland regulations.
  - If not, contact your local FSA office and follow the [steps outlined in this handout \(LINK\)](#)
  - Applicants to VPFP will need to provide the *Business Name* they set up through this process
- Must have an up-to-date Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) that meets the RAPs for the farm size
  - Recent (<3 years old) soil tests for all crop and hay fields required for CSFOs and larger
  - Recent (<1 year old) manure tests for all sources required for CSFOs and larger
  - If you do not have these tests or an up-to-date Nutrient Management Plan that meets the RAPs for your farm size, please work to obtain that information PRIOR to application. Your [local Conservation District \(LINK\)](#) can help you with this process.

### Application requirements:

- Eligible applicants will [apply at this LINK](#) via an online form.
- The initial application will not require any uploads but will ask farms to:
  - provide contact and business information
  - self-certify if the applicant qualifies as a Historically Underserved Producer
  - share some basic farm management information
  - attest to the eligibility/prerequisites laid out above, such as by sharing dates of recent NMP certification and soil/manure tests
- If deemed eligible, the following documents will be required to be submitted after application:
  - Good Standing certificate
  - Certificate of Insurance
  - Waiver releasing farm maps and/or Shapefiles to technical assistance providers
  - Signed grant agreement
- Once under an active grant agreement, the following will need to be kept/provided as needed:
  - Complete and up-to-date NMP per RAP requirements
  - Farm maps
  - Detailed, accurate and legible planting records
  - Detailed, accurate and legible spreading records for manure and other nutrients

**Applications and more information can be found online at [agriculture.vermont.gov/VPFP](http://agriculture.vermont.gov/VPFP) or by contacting the Agency at (802) 636-7852.**