



Date: March 13, 2019

To: 2015 Nutrient Management Plan Training Participants

Wisconsin Cranberry Growers

From: WSCGA

Re: Nutrient Management Plan Workshop

As part of Wisconsin's non-point pollution regulations, farmers are required to farm under approved nutrient management plans. Wisconsin's cranberry growers are leaders in developing and adopting nutrient management plans for their farms. Since the regulations went into effect, more than 400 people from the Wisconsin cranberry industry have been trained to write their own plans.

Growers can choose to have a consultant prepare the plan for them, or write their own plans for their farming operations. Wisconsin DATCP rules allow farmers who have participated in an approved training session to write their own nutrient management plans to meet the requirements.

WSCGA, USDA/NRCS and UW Extension have worked with the DATCP to develop training sessions to allow cranberry growers to write their own plans, to meet the regulatory requirements and to remain qualified to do so. **Meeting costs were formerly covered by a grant from the NRCS. That is no longer the case, so we are charging a small registration fee to help offset the costs.**

Growers who have not attended a training session previously will need to attend- Participation in this training session is the first step in meeting the requirements to write your plan and meet state rules for water quality. DATCP also requires that farmers must complete a department-approved training course at least once every four years to maintain their qualification.

Growers who attended the session in 2015 (or before) will need to attend to remain qualified to write their own plans. If you completed the course or were part of the requalification group in 2015, you will have to complete the training again this year.

Those who attended sessions in subsequent years are still qualified to write their own plans, but will need to attend a session within four years of their initial qualification.



2019 REGISTRATION FORM

Cranberry Nutrient Management Plan Training

Wednesday – April 3, 2019

Hotel Mead
451 E Grand Avenue
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

WSCGA, UW Extension, DATCP and USDA / NRCS are sponsoring a workshop to train and qualify cranberry growers to write their own nutrient management plan, in accordance with DATCP requirements.

- ❖ Registration: 9:00am
- ❖ Meeting materials & refreshments provided
- ❖ Training: 9:30-1:00pm
- ❖ Training session costs \$10 per person

Marsh Name or Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Participant(s):

of Attendees: _____ x \$10 registration fee = **Total Due: \$** _____

DATCP policy allows farmers who have participated in a training session to write their own nutrient management plans. The session will be conducted during a one-half day program. **Meeting costs were formerly covered by a grant from the NRCS. That is no longer the case, so we are charging a small registration fee to help offset the costs.**

After the presentations, DATCP staff will be present to assist growers who wish to write their programs that day or for growers looking to update existing programs. Growers will also be able to make arrangements to work with DATCP or County staff to develop programs at a later date.

DATCP requires that farmers must complete a department approved training course at least once every four years to maintain qualification. You are considered qualified only if you have submitted a nutrient management plan for review, including the required “end-of-season” data.

Please return registration form and check payment by March 29:

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