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ADEM's "farmers_map": Weather-related Land Application Decisions for Litter/Animal Manure, or Wastewater

ADEM and NRCS have worked very closely with National Weather Service (NWS) personnel in Birmingham to incorporate all the AFO/CAFO and EPA rules covering land application weather-related timing of animal manure products into a "farmers map" that is available on the NWS Birmingham website.

Beginning January, 2003, if the 72 hour NWS forecast does call for too much rain, you may still be able to land apply, if the county is rated favorable for spreading on the Alabama Animal Waste/Nutrient Land Application Map ("farmers map"). This "farmers_map" is located at the following National Weather Service web site (See NOTE BELOW.):

http://www.srh.noaa.gov/bmx/data/farmers_map/farmers_map.html. Counties with weather conditions unfavorable for spreading litter, animal manure, or wastewater are shown in **RED**.

The example "farmers map" shown here was issued 1:25 AM Wednesday, December 11, 2002 and was good for 12 hours ('til 1:25 PM). It shows seven counties in RED where conditions were not favorable for spreading. Conditions were favorable for spreading for all other counties in Alabama these 12 hours on this date.

The "farmers map" can be easily printed for record purposes. If rain or weather predictions exist that cause the county to be rated not favorable for spreading on the National Weather Service land application map, land application under the AFO/CAFO Rules should not happen.



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