

## What is a Nutrient Management Conservation Activity Plan (CAP 104)?

A CAP 104 is an opportunity for farmers to work with their crop advisors to develop a written plan to improve yields and reduce costs by keeping nutrient and soil on the farm, and out of our waterways.

CAP 104 is part of the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) through the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). NRCS provides financial assistance to complete the plan.

Once the plan is completed, producers can apply for additional financial assistance to implement improvements on the farm.

## What is included in the Plan?

The plan shows how and where nutrients will be managed using the **4R's** (Right Source, Right Rate, Right Time, Right Place) to keep nutrients for the crop. The plan will include:

- Soil tests results.
- Soil maps.
- Fertilizer recommendations: rates and timing
- Other practices to reduce nutrient losses and protect natural resources.



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**NRCS accepts applications from farmers on a continuous basis. Crop advisors must be qualified by NRCS to complete CAP 104s. Please contact your local NRCS office for more information about CAP104s and EQIP. For more information about getting a CAP104 completed for your farm, or qualifying your crop advisor, contact Mark Adelsperger [madelsperger@ipminstitute.org](mailto:madelsperger@ipminstitute.org).**

## Why should I get a CAP 104?

The Plan is an excellent tool to assess current practices and plan improvements.

- Improve yields by putting nutrients where they are needed, reduce nutrients where they will not generate a return.
- Best management practices to reduce off-site movement of nutrients, keeping your fertilizer investment on the farm.
- Improve the value of your farmland by reducing soil losses.
- Position yourself for future NRCS financial assistance to implement practices like stream bank stabilization, grass waterways.
- Demonstrate to landowners your value in improving their land.
- Get ahead of potential regulation.
- Contribute to cleaner rivers and lakes.



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## How much does a CAP 104 cost?

Financial assistance from NRCS can help reduce if not cover the entire cost of the Plan. Payment rates are based on acres.

Acres	2015 Payment Rate*
< 100 acres	\$1,653
101-300 acres	\$2,203
>300 acres	\$2,754

\* Historically underserved producers may qualify for additional financial assistance.