



Date: March 3, 2017

To: 2013 Nutrient Management Plan Training Participants

Wisconsin Cranberry Growers

From: WSCGA

Re: Nutrient Management Plan Workshop

Under 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.

Growers who have not attended a training session previously will need to attend an all-day workshop. Participation in this full-day session is the first step in meeting the requirements to write your plan, to 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 sessions in 2013 (or before) will need to attend only a half-day requalification session to remain qualified to write their own plans. If you completed the course or were part of the requalification group in 2013, you will have to complete the half-day session 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.



2017 REGISTRATION FORM

Cranberry Nutrient Management Workshop

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. The workshop will be held on March 29, 2017 at Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids.

Name of Participant: _____

Marsh Name or Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

DATCP policy allows farmers who have participated in a full day training to write their own nutrient management plans. DATCP requires that farmers must also complete a department approved training course at least once every four years to maintain qualification. Growers who have attended a full-day session in the past will only need to attend the half-day session to remain qualified to write their own plans. You are considered qualified only if you have submitted a nutrient management plan for review, including the required “end-of-season” data.

Wednesday, March 29th ❖ Wisconsin Rapids ❖ Hotel Mead (check one)

- Full day – 9:00AM to 3:30PM
- Half day – 1:00PM to 3:30PM (requalification session only)
- ❖ *Meeting materials will be provided*
- ❖ *Full-day session includes lunch*
- ❖ *Training session provided at no charge*

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE BY:

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY – MARCH 22nd

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