



# Indiana River Friendly Farmer Program

## Application Form for 2009

This application form is provided to all producers interested in documenting their commitment to protecting and enhancing the water quality of Indiana's lakes, rivers and streams. Please complete all information, where applicable, in each of the categories below. If you have any questions, call the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts at 317.692.7325.

| Applicant Information   |                      |                  |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Last name               | First name           | Middle Initial   |
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| Applicant Address       |                      |                  |
| Street / Road           | City                 | State / Zip Code |
|                         |                      |                  |
| County                  | Daytime Phone Number | Email Address    |
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| Farm Information        |                      |                  |
| Address with city & zip | County               | Farm Name        |
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| 1. General Information About Your Farming Operation  |                             |
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| a. Briefly describe your farming operation (e.g. grain, livestock, fruit, vegetable, other specialty)  |                             |
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| b. Describe the type(s) of livestock raised on your farm (if applicable).  |                             |
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| 2. Crop residue management and other erosion control practices   |                             |
| a. Is soil erosion on all land at or below tolerable (T) soil loss levels, either by maintaining 30% crop residue or by other appropriate tillage or crop rotation measures? |                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes   | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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| <b>2. Continued</b>   |   |
| <b>b. Indicate the conservation practices you currently use on your cropland for erosion control. Check all that apply.</b> |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grassed waterways  | <input type="checkbox"/> Grass filter strips        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water & sediment control basins  | <input type="checkbox"/> Erosion control structures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hay/pasture in cropping rotation   | <input type="checkbox"/> No-till planting / seeding |
| Other (describe):   |   |

**3. Nutrient Management**

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|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. Are your fields soil tested at least once every 3 years?   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Do you apply fertilizer at correct application rates based on soil tests?  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Are realistic yield goals used in setting fertilizer application rates for crops?  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Are nutrient credits given for manure applied and legumes (e.g. soybeans, alfalfa, clover) used in rotation?   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Do you follow nitrogen best management practices for your region (i.e. N stabilizers / inhibitors for fall or pre-emerge nitrogen applications, side dressed N, no fall N on sandy soils) as recommended by Purdue University? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Is phosphorus fertilizer banded or incorporated when applied on crop land?   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If <b>no</b> , describe any practices used to keep soluble phosphorus from reaching water sources (e.g. conservation tillage or buffer strips):   |                              |                             |

**4. Manure storage and application**

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| a. Is livestock manure utilization a part of your farming operation?<br><i>If no proceed to Section 6.</i>                              | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Is fencing used to exclude livestock from sensitive areas such as streams, ditches, sink holes or surface water inlets?              | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Are livestock facilities which require state approval either currently in the process of being approved or already approved by IDEM? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Do manure storage facilities have at least 120 days storage capacity?  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If <b>no</b> , describe your management plan for dealing with manure storage and disposal:  |                              |                             |

| 5. Pesticide management   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| a. Are pesticide labels read and followed during application?   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>                  | No <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| b. Are pesticides and pesticide containers handled, stored and disposed of in accordance with labeled recommendations?  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>                  | No <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| c. Do you follow or adhere to pesticide labels for all applicable water quality restrictions (i.e. atrazine setback distances, sinkholes, sandy soils, well head safety)? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>                  | No <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| d. Indicate cultural or other management practices you use to reduce the volume of chemical controls. Check all that are appropriate.                                     |   |  |
| Crop rotations <input type="checkbox"/>   | Split applications <input type="checkbox"/>   | Scouting <input type="checkbox"/>      |
| Spot spraying <input type="checkbox"/>  | Bio-engineered seeds <input type="checkbox"/> | Band spraying <input type="checkbox"/> |

| 6. Non-cropland area management  |                              |                             |
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| Are the following non-cropland areas being managed and/or enhanced in an environmentally appropriate manner? (If not applicable leave blank) |                              |                             |
| a. Farmstead (i.e. pesticide storage and loading areas, well head protection)  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Woodlands (i.e. harvest methods not erosive, livestock excluded, TSI used)  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Stream and ditch corridors (i.e. filter strips or riparian buffers used)  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Pastures (i.e. rotational grazing)  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Wetlands (i.e. restoration or enhancement for wildlife)   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Other wildlife areas (i.e. fence rows, field borders maintained)  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

| 7. Farm Management   |                              |                             |
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| Are records kept on farm operations to track inputs and conservation practices | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

*We, the undersigned, agree that the above information is accurate to the best of our knowledge.*

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| Participant Name (print)           |  |       |
| Participant Signature              |  | Date: |
| Technical Representative (print)   |  | Date: |
| Technical Representative Signature |  | Date: |

\*A technical representative can be a USDA-NRCS District Conservationist, Purdue CES Extension Educator, Indiana State Department of Agriculture Division of Soil Conservation Resource Specialist, or SWCD technical representative.

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