

Welcome to the 2012 Equine Open House!

Fencing & Facility Issues

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What is the Wayne SWCD?

- The Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil and Water. Each one of Ohio's 88 counties has a local district office. The Wayne SWCD was established by local election of the populace in 1947.
- **Wayne county leads the state in the # of all cattle, # of milk cows, milk sold, # of farms and in the production of hay.**

Why are Horse Owners Important to Protecting Water Quality?

- Horse farm activities may contribute pollutants to rivers and streams.
- Proper management techniques ensure your farm is friendly to:

Your horses

Rivers and streams

Your pocketbook



Perception = Reality

Animal waste from livestock farms is perceived to be one of the top 10 sources of water pollution.

Complaints regarding pollution (waste) from livestock farms is the 3rd most popular complaint filed with local soil & water conservation district (SWCD) offices.



Why be concerned about managing manure & mud?

Equine is the fastest growing segment of Ohio's livestock sector

Most equine operations have small, intensively used acreage

Most equine operations have a high potential for runoff



What is a BMP?

Best Management Practice

Basically, it's better way to manage your land. Whether is a buffer – shown below, or an all- weather horse paddock, there are better ways to control, or manage your land. It may not be the most economical, but it is better for the land, conserving natural resources, and typically for your livestock.



POOR ~ No buffer, above!



BETTER ~ a grassed buffer!



Key

BMP's on a horse facility



Before – a mud lot.

After – a drier, healthier “All-weather” paddock.

BMP: “Sacrifice Area” Paddock.
Keep your horses off the pasture...
Wait until it is NOT wet & muddy. Wait for the grass to recover & grow!



Improper Stockpiling of Manure



Don't stockpile near a stream bank, ditch or water source.



Don't let your manure pile get out of control. Manage it!

Note check out size – see the 2 men?*

BMP's on a horse facility



MANURE MANAGEMENT:

**Contain the
run-off!**

Manure pads,
Compost bins,
or safe-stock
pile manure
then spread at
the appropriate
time.



More BMP's



Manage Water on your land.
Gutters- keep your paddocks drier. Also protects your siding on the barn. Divert the water to an area that won't run-off pollutants (a grassy area or outlet)



Do what you can,
with what you have...

I understand...it's usually about the MONEY!
Remember, less vet bills, the health of your
horse, clean healthy water and happy
neighbors can be riches worth the time and
money spent on some simple BMP's!

Your horse will
thank you too!



For More Information...

Please feel free to contact me or the Wayne SWCD for helpful advice & how you can improve your land. We may not be able to offer you money, but our advice is FREE!

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~Look under the Equine Education section for lots of helpful information! Thanks! ~Kelly