

Virginia's Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Program

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation offers a poultry litter transport incentive program to facilitate the efficient use of poultry litter as a crop nutrient source in areas that can most benefit from those nutrients and that are outside of the main poultry-producing counties. The goal of this program is to encourage development of self-sustaining poultry litter markets outside of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and in certain specified areas within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Through the program, \$17.50, \$25, or \$30 is provided per ton of litter moved to help cover the additional costs associated with increased transport distances.

A. Who is eligible?

1. Poultry litter end-users

B. Program requirements:

1. Poultry litter must originate on farms in Accomack, Page, or Rockingham counties.
2. To receive an incentive payment through this program, litter must be transported to a final destination in the counties listed in section E of this document.
3. Up to 800 tons of litter may be eligible per applicant per incentive request. Once documentation has been received by DCR, that request is complete, even if the amount of litter applied falls below the original request amount. Subsequent requests may be submitted after a request for payment, with all forms completed, has been received on the previous request.
4. Completed Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Request Forms are valid for the current fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2025 and ends June 30, 2026.
5. Complete and accurate supporting documentation to include the Chain of Custody, Field Application Record, Nutrient Management Plan, certified scale weight tickets, and Virginia W-9 Tax Form must be received by October 31, 2026. Requests for supporting documentation that aren't responded to by this date will be cancelled.
6. Certified scale weight tickets for **all** tonnage moved are **required** to receive payment.
7. A Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) must be prepared by a nutrient management planner certified by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for all fields scheduled to receive poultry litter.
8. The end-user agrees to fully implement their NMP and to participate in NMP verification.

9. Fields eligible for payment must have a Virginia Tech soil test phosphorus reading (i.e. Virginia Tech soil test reading P lbs/acre, Mehlich I) no greater than the following:

Region	Soil Test Reading
Eastern Shore and Lower Coastal Plain	270
Middle and Upper Coastal Plain and Piedmont	272
Ridge and Valley	324

NOTES: To determine the region the field is in, refer to the list of eligible counties by region. Please refer to the table showing the correlation of other soil testing laboratories if necessary.

10. Poultry litter must have been analyzed within the previous three years to determine nutrient content and final application rate for nutrient management plan development. If analysis is unknown at the time the NMP is written, litter analysis shown in Table 8-4 in the *Virginia Nutrient Management Standards and Criteria*, Revised July 2014, may be used to develop the initial NMP.
11. No mortality (composted or otherwise) can be shipped as part of this incentive program. Litter containing mortality in any form will not qualify for payment.
12. Litter with moisture greater than 35% is ineligible for payment.
13. Litter off-loading and storage at the receiving site must be in accordance with the requirements of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality **Fact Sheet: Requirements for Poultry Litter Use and Storage**.
14. Vehicles used to transport poultry litter, including any application equipment, must contain the poultry litter within the cargo area without loss while operating on a public road.
15. Spot checks for compliance with these program requirements may be performed by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

C. How to Apply:

1. To apply for a payment, the applicant must complete the Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Request Form and a **VIRGINIA W-9 TAX FORM**. Please contact Palmer Bunce at vapoultrylittertransport@dcr.virginia.gov for further instructions on how to submit these documents.
2. Once the forms are received, they are reviewed by DCR. The incentive request must be approved by DCR prior to litter transport.
3. Once the Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Request Form has been approved for incentive payment and after litter has been applied, submit to the above address the following completed forms (Please do not staple documents):
 - Field Application Record;
 - Chain of Custody form;
 - Nutrient Management Plan; and
 - Certified scale weight tickets showing the litter tonnage transported.
4. These documents will be reviewed and if approved, processed for payment. The party who submitted the Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Request Form will then receive the incentive payment.

D. Additional Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Program Information

For more information, please go to: <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/litter-transport> or contact:

Palmer Bunce - (540) 416-5350: vapoultrylittertransport@dcr.virginia.gov

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E. Counties Eligible To Receive Incentive:

Eastern Shore and Lower Coastal Plain:

Charles City	Chesapeake	Essex	Gloucester
Hanover	Isle of Wight	James City	King & Queen
King William	Lancaster	Mathews	Middlesex
New Kent	Northumberland	Richmond	Southampton
Suffolk	Surry	Sussex	Virginia Beach
Westmoreland			

Middle and Upper Coastal Plain and Piedmont:

Albemarle	Amelia	Amherst	Appomattox
Bedford	Brunswick	Buckingham	Campbell
Caroline	Charlotte	Chesterfield	Culpeper
Cumberland	Dinwiddie	Fauquier	Fluvanna
Franklin	Greene	Greensville	Goochland
Halifax	Hanover	Henrico	Henry
Louisa	Lunenburg	Madison	Mecklenburg
Nelson	Nottoway	Orange	Patrick
Powhatan	Prince Edward	Prince George	Pittsylvania
Rappahannock	Spotsylvania		

Ridge and Valley:

Alleghany	Augusta	Bath	Bland
Botetourt	Buchanan	Carroll	Clark
Craig	Dickenson	Floyd	Frederick
Giles	Grayson	Highland	Lee
Montgomery	Pulaski	Roanoke	Rockbridge
Russell	Scott	Shenandoah	Smyth
Tazewell	Warren	Wise	Wythe

F. Incentive Payment Rates:

- **\$30.00 per ton** for poultry litter generated in Accomack County
- **\$25.00 per ton** for poultry litter generated in Page and Rockingham Counties and land applied **outside of** the Chesapeake Bay Watershed
- **\$17.50 per ton** poultry litter generated in Page and Rockingham Counties and land applied **within** the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

CHAIN OF CUSTODY SOURCE of the POULTRY LITTER

Name:			
Address:			
Contact Person:		Telephone No.	
Tons of litter shipped:		County: <input type="checkbox"/> Rockingham <input type="checkbox"/> Page <input type="checkbox"/> Accomack	

The above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I agree to the following requirements:

- Provide a copy of the most recent poultry litter analysis, upon request.
- Permitted operations must comply with all Poultry Waste Management Regulations requirements.
- No mortality (composted or otherwise) will be shipped as part of this incentive program.

Grower Signature* _____ Date _____

*If grower's signature is unavailable, the Broker's signature will suffice.

POULTRY LITTER BROKER/TRANSPORTER

Name:			
Address:			
Contact Person:		Telephone No.	
Tons of litter shipped:			

The above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I agree to the following requirements:

- Vehicles transporting poultry litter, including any application equipment, will contain the manure within the cargo area without loss while operating on a public road.
- Brokers must comply with the reporting requirements of the Poultry Waste Management Regulations.
- No mortality (composted or otherwise) will be transported as part of this incentive program.

Broker/Transporter Signature _____ Date _____

END-USER OF POULTRY LITTER

Name:			
Address:			
Contact Person:		Telephone No.	
Tons of litter received:		County:	

The above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I agree to implement a current nutrient management plan prepared by a nutrient management planner certified by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation that includes the use of poultry litter as a crop nutrient source.

End-user Signature _____ Date _____



Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Field Application Record

Return Completed form to:
vapoultrylittertransport@dcr.virginia.gov

END-USER OF POULTRY LITTER:

Name: _____ **Source County:** _____

Address: _____ **Receiving County:** _____

Telephone No.: _____

FIELD INFORMATION

(Include **all** fields receiving litter)

Tract No.	Field No.	Acres Receiving Poultry Litter	Application Date	Tons Applied (Total)	Crop	Soil Test Phosphorus	DCR use Eligible (Yes/No)
TOTAL:			TOTAL:				

*Please indicate soil testing lab used: _____

I certify the above information is true to the best of my knowledge

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Field Application Record (Supplemental Form for Additional Fields)

FIELD INFORMATION

(Include **all** fields receiving litter)

Tract No.	Field No.	Acres Receiving Poultry Litter	Application Date	Tons Applied (Total)	Crop	Soil Test Phosphorus	DCR use Eligible (Yes/No)
TOTAL:			TOTAL:				

*Please indicate soil testing lab used: _____

I certify the above information is true to the best of my knowledge

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Request Form

Incentive Payment Applicant

Name: _____

Social Security #: _____ **or Federal Tax Identification #:** _____

Address: _____

_____ **County (Where applied):** _____

Contact Person: _____ **Telephone No.** _____

Email Address: _____

Tons of litter to be applied: _____

Attach a completed "Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification (VIRGINIA W-9) Tax Form."

1. Obtain a current Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) that includes all fields scheduled to receive poultry litter transported through this program. (The plan must have been prepared by a nutrient management planner certified by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.) **Litter must be applied as specified in the nutrient management plan.**
2. Up to **800** tons of litter may be eligible per applicant, per incentive request. Certified scale weight tickets showing the litter tonnage transported are required.
3. Fields scheduled to receive poultry litter transported through this program must have a Virginia Tech soil test phosphorus reading not exceeding the maximums shown in the program description.
4. **No** mortality (composted or otherwise) will be shipped as part of this incentive program. Litter containing mortality in **any** form will **not** qualify for payment.
5. Poultry litter must originate on farms in Accomack, Page, Rockingham counties.
6. **To receive an incentive payment through this program, litter must be transported to a final destination in the counties listed in sections G, H, and I of the program description.**
7. Litter off-loading and storage at the receiving site must be in accordance with the requirements of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality **Fact Sheet: Requirements for Poultry Litter Use and Storage.**
8. Completed "Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Request Forms" are valid for the current fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.
9. Complete and accurate supporting documentation must be received by October 31, 2026. Requests for supporting documentation that aren't responded to by this date will be cancelled.
10. Virginia DCR assumes no liability regarding quality of poultry litter transported and applied under this program.

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

For DCR Use Only

Approved: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____