



SECTION THREE

CREATING A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR YOUR HOBBY FARM

Section 3 provides you with tools to plan a new hobby farm or improvements to an existing one, so your farm's activities will minimize impacts on our state's valuable water resources.

Now let's make use of the information you gathered following the guidelines in Section 2 to help you understand your site. The Fact Sheets in this Section will help you develop a "Stormwater-Friendly" Hobby Farm Plan.

This handbook deals with the stormwater-related aspects of your hobby farm. The information in this section focuses on elements of planning or improving your farm that relate to stormwater. You may need to seek assistance elsewhere for other aspects of planning your farm (for example, choosing the crops you want to raise and identifying the best methods for cultivating them, selecting the animals you will keep and learning the requirements for their care, and other important planning decisions). Part of your planning effort should be to organize your property and farming activities to properly control stormwater impacts.

The following Fact Sheets are intended to assist you in answering the following questions:

- How will you arrange your hobby farming activities, along with Best Management Practices, so that you can enjoy hobby farming while avoiding stormwater impacts?
- How will you operate your farm to avoid impacts from land disturbance, excessive irrigation, use of fertilizers and agricultural chemicals, incidental and accidental spills, management of animal waste, and management of other wastes?