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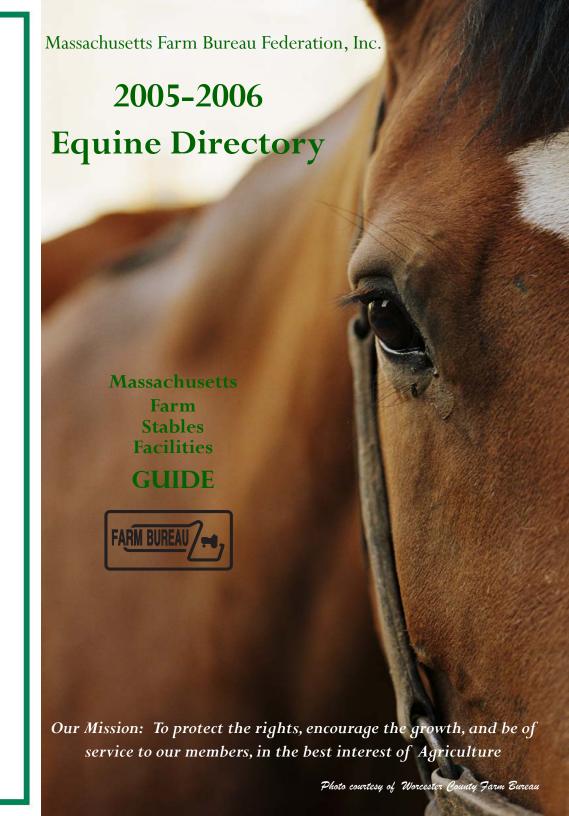
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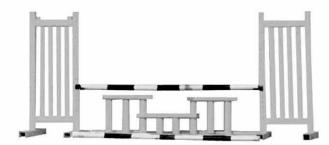
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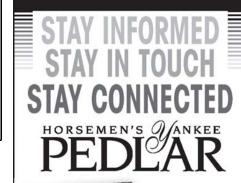
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**Install and Maintain Buffer Areas.** Riparian buffer zones are vegetated areas between streams or rivers and crop or pastureland. These forests and grasses act as living filters by absorbing nutrient and chemical run-off.

#### STRUCTURAL

**Store manure properly** - Manure should be stored in properly located and constructed facilities.

The storage facility should be:

- Covered, contained, and impermeable to prevent runoff or leaching to the ground
- Have the capacity to hold a minimum of 3-6 months of manure.

**Control Barnyard Run-off** - Run-off from poorly managed barnyards and feedlots can carry Pathogens, nutrients and oxygen-demanding substances into water sources.

- Shape barnyards by grading or filling so that run-off can be directed to a controlled outlet such as a Settling Basin
- Grass Filter Strips absorb nutrients from run-off reducing threats to surface waters

**Install Fencing -** For safety, livestock standing, feeding, and grazing areas are prohibited within

100 feet of drinking water reservoirs and their tributary streams. Construct barriers that prevent

Livestock or wildlife from accessing water sources. The farmer may need to bring water to livestock rather than livestock to water.

**Construct Stream Crossings** - Trampled stream banks erode easily allowing manure and

sediments into surface waters. Limit the amount of access livestock have to stream banks by

directing them over constructed stream crossings.

**Build Diversions and Terraces** - Divert run-off from critical areas using these channeled ridges

or earthen embankments constructed perpendicular to slopes.

**Install Grassed Waterways** – Natural or constructed vegetated channels which filter and divert run off away from water resources.

**Use a Conservation Plan** - Farm operators should have a conservation plan designed to optimize crop yield and minimize effects on ground and surface water. This plan could include

many of the guidelines described in this fact sheet.

\*\*This information provided by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. For more information on this or any other issue, such as stable regulations, instructor licensing, or water quality issues, please visit www.mass.gov/agr\*\*

# **Manure Management Fact Sheet**

Animal waste from barnyards, manure pits and field application can pollute ground and surface water when not contained or applied properly. By making Best Management Practices (BMPs) part of a conservation plan, a farmer can greatly reduce the chances of contamination. A manure system should prevent contamination of water in lakes, streams, springs and wells. BMPs are managerial, such as manure management, rotational grazing, and conservation tillage, or structural, such as manure pits or lagoons, terraces and fencing.

\*You can prevent contamination of groundwater by observing the following practices:

# **MANAGERIAL**

Apply manure appropriately - Determine the rate of application that will fulfill the crop's nutrient needs without causing environmental problems. This includes:

- Timing Spread manure only when conditions are favorable. Avoid spreading manure in the winter or early spring, because manure applied to frozen ground can pollute surface waters during spring thaw run-off. If winter application is required, only spread manure on sod-covered fields where manure won't runoff as easily. Do not spread manure in early spring, because the soil is often saturated.
- **Location -** Avoid spreading manure on sloped lands or areas where manure could seep into water sources such as wetlands. Do not spread manure within 200 feet of a water source unless it can *immediately* be incorporated into the soil. Avoid manure application on land subject to annual flooding, especially during flood prone periods.
- Incorporation- Manure incorporated into soil is less prone to run-off than if it remains on the surface. Incorporate manure into the soil within 72 hours of application. This is particularly important on slopes, near water bodies and during wet seasons.

#### **Test Soil and Manure**

- Soil testing helps a farmer to decide what the nutrient needs are for the crop.
- Manure testing shows levels of nutrients in the manure. By comparing the results of both tests, farmers can apply the right amount of manure. Never apply more nutrients than needed - this is the first step in reducing nutrient run-off.

Create a Composting site - By composting manure and other organic materials the farmer produces an excellent soil conditioner.

- Composting shrinks the weight and volume of manure and simplifies handling.
- Composting decreases odors and reduces the amount of pathogens.

# Brush with danger by Lawinna McGary

Which of the following is the most dangerous activity you can undertake with or around horses?

- Riding fast without a saddle.
- Jumping obstacles.
- Grooming with a brush.

Either A or B seems to be a rational answer, but they're both wrong. The truth is, riding -whether flying over obstacles or having a leisurely walk -- is much safer than working on the ground near one of the four-legged creatures.

"Most people equate speed and height with a horse-related injury," says Deborah Reed, an assistant professor at the Southeast Center for Agricultural Health and Injury Prevention in Lexington, Ky., but "statistics show that ground work results in more injuries than when you're mounted."

To stay safe, always wear a helmet when you're • near horses and stay alert when you're feeding, leading or grooming your horse, says Reed.

"If you're on the ground, you always want to keep the shortest distance possible between you and the horse," explains Reed. "Stay right up there by the head at all times. Keep them on a short rein so the horse can't whip its head around and bite you.

"If there's too much room between their head and your shoulder," she adds, "the horse can turn around very quickly and kick you.

"It doesn't sound logical; you'd naturally think that the farther away you are from the horse the better, but if you're far away, you get the full effect of the thrust of the kick. If you're close, you're going to feel much less of that impact."

Other tips for safe ground work:

"Make sure the horse knows you're ap-

- proaching," Reed says. "The horse needs to know where you are at all times.
- "When you're grooming, start at the front and work your way toward the back. Always keep a hand on the horse and know where the ticklish areas are, such as at the bottom of the flank area. They're more likely to kick if you tickle that area," she
- When you're feeding, keep the fence between you and the horse.
- During barn work, don't let the horse get between you and the exit.
- Always talk soothingly.
- Don't start bad habits. "With a young horse you're going to raise and train, don't feed it sugar or anything else out of your hand. Have it around people. The more exposure it has to different types of distractions, to flags flying and music that's blaring, the better."
- Don't mistreat the animal, but be firm. "Give the animal respect. Know they're going to try to be free, because that's their nature."
- When you're leading the animal, never wrap the lead around your wrist.
- "Watch your horses' ears and eyes to detect their mood. If you get on that horse and you see those ears go back, or he starts chomping at the bit or starts prancing around, you know you've got problems. You need to just calm the horse down. Talk to it. Be reassuring. Don't make any sudden movements. Rub the animal on the neck if it likes touch. Let the horse know it's not alone, and that you're calm. The horse can pick up very quickly how a rider is feeling."

Through all of this, Reed adds, "Make sure you're always firm, so they know who's in con-

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