

CAPS# 14: Manure and Compost Records

If you use raw animal manure on your farm, CAPS REQUIRES you to keep records that verify you have met VOF [manure management requirements, described here](#). Raw manure use could be spreading new or “aged” animal manure, or using it as an ingredient when you make compost. These two specific records are described below and pdf logs for CAPS #14 can be found [HERE](#) .

Compost Record Required-- If you make your own compost (or buy from an un-licensed producer), AND this compost will be applied this season’s production less than 90/120* days before harvest), you will need a RECORD (CAPS APP #14A) to document compost temperatures and turning dates—this record will be uploaded with your CAPS application later in the fall—or sooner if you have it done!

YIKES!--If you don’t have a record for home-produced compost, then it must be “treated” like manure when applied (i.e. allow a 90/120* –day waiting period period), regardless of how great or old it is!

Manure Spreading Record Required--If you spread raw or aged manure that was applied for this season’s production you will need a RECORD (CAPS AP # 14B) to field-application dates—this record will be uploaded with your CAPS application in the fall-- or when it is complete for current season. It should document that you have waited 90/120* days between manure spreading/incorporation and crop harvest

* 90 Days for above-ground and 120 days for ground-level crops.

