

Post Nutrient Management Assessment

Your Name: _____

Today's Date: _____

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, please indicate how helpful it was to you to complete the NRCS Nutrient Management Budget Worksheets.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

2. How will you apply nutrients in future years? Please check all that apply.

Pre-plant incorporated

Fertigate (apply through irrigation system)

Side-dress in-season

Other, please describe: _____

3. If you fertigate, at what point in an irrigation set do you plan to inject fertilizer to the lines? Please check all that apply.

When it is most convenient for me or my irrigation manager.

When I begin the irrigation event.

Midway through my irrigation event.

In the last hours of my irrigation event.

4. I will complete a nutrient budget for my operation to plan nutrient applications. If yes, please check all of the below that are true.

I will calculate how many lbs/A of each nutrient I apply with each of the following:

synthetic fertilizers

compost (or other soil amendments including organic material)

irrigation water

cover crops

crop residues

other (please specify: _____)

5. Please check all the are true:

I plan to do a soil test at the **start** of each growing season

I plan to do a soil test at the **end** of each growing season

I plan to regularly monitor **soil** nutrient status throughout the growing season

I plan to regularly monitor **plant** nutrient status throughout the growing season

I plan to complete a nitrate analysis for my irrigation **water**

I know **where to find** crop specific information to guide my nutrient management

I plan to **use** crop specific information to guide my nutrient management

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6. What information guides your nutrient management decisions? Please check all that apply and add any comments you would like to explain further.

- Use knowledge based on **past** crop performance and yield.
- Use University of CA guidance documents
- Use other guidance documents, please describe if possible: _____
- Hire a crop advisor to guide nutrient management decisions
- Based on **in-season** soil test results
- Look at **pre-plant** soil test results
- Look at **in-season** soil test results (e.g. Soil Nitrate Quick Test)
- Look at plant nutrient deficiency symptoms
- Based on crop plant tissue samples taken from previous crops
- Based on crop plant tissue samples taken in-season from the current crop

COMMENTS:

7. What knowledge or tools have helped you improve your nutrient management practices? Please check all that apply.

- Knowing how to collect a soil sample.
- Knowing how to read a soil test result.
- Working with knowledgeable crop advisors to guide my nutrient management decisions.
- Working with conservation professionals to guide my understanding of nutrient management.
- Attending workshops (Please indicate who presented workshops _____)
- Testing my soil nutrient status in-season
- Doing crop tissue testing to guide fertilizer application
- Understanding crop demand changes during growing season
- Understanding nutrient sources and nutrient release patterns from these sources
- Other, please describe:

COMMENTS:

8. Please offer any comments you would like to share regarding nutrient management and how NRCS planners can best support your Nutrient Management Planning.

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