

NYS Ag. Non-Point Source Abatement and Control Project – Round 21



Working with the agricultural community in the county is a top priority for the Fulton County SWCD. Our primary goal when working with agriculture is reducing environmental impacts. Once environmental risks have been evaluated and a plan developed to help mitigate the risks, we at the Soil and Water Conservation District can apply for funding for implementation of the plan. One of the leading funding programs we use is the Ag. Non-Point Source and Abatement Control Program (AGNPS) which is applied for on an annual basis.

Hightower Farm, a dairy operation located in the Town of Broadalbin, has worked with the SWCD for many years. Over the past few years plans were made to transition to storing manure. By storing manure throughout the winter months a significant amount of nutrient runoff during spring thaw and snow melt can be averted. Spreading stored manure in the spring when the ground has fully thawed gives the nutrients and organic matter a chance to incorporate into the soil. This not only improves water quality but also improves soil fertility.



Taking concrete cores to test compression



Waterstop ensures no liquids escape the storage.