



## **USDA-CSREES 2006 National Water Quality Conference**

### [Developing a Regional Nutrient Management Handbook for the Mid-Atlantic U.S.](#)

This handbook is a regional collaborative update of an earlier nutrient management handbook designed only for the Chesapeake Bay region. Personnel from University of Delaware, Penn State University, University of Maryland, West Virginia University, and Virginia Tech used recommendations from users of the earlier handbook to improve, update, and broaden the scope of the handbook, which is designed as a training aid for individuals desiring to become certified Nutrient Management Planners and as a reference for those already certified. This collaboration was made possible by a regional water quality coordination grant from the USDA CSREES National Integrated Water Quality (406) Program. Project coordinators solicited authors with the necessary expertise to write individual chapters. Topics covered included nutrient management fundamentals, basic soil science and soil fertility, crop production, soil management, soil testing and plant analysis, commercial fertilizers, and land application of manure and biosolids. Each chapter was edited and formatted by the coordinators to enhance user comprehension and accessibility, using the Information Mapping® method and software. The handbook is scheduled for release in late 2005 and will be available online at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Water Program's web site at <http://www.agnr.umd.edu/users/waterqual/>.

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