



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

### **New Arkansas Nutrient Management Laws**

In 2003, the 84<sup>th</sup> Arkansas General Assembly passed three new laws, Acts 1059, 1060, and 1061 to help protect the State's water quality. Since the laws were passed, Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission (ASWCC) working with other state agencies have developed rules (Titles XIX, XX, XXI, and XXII) to implement the new regulations.

Title XIX is the Arkansas poultry feeding operations registration program. The purpose of the program is to locate litter sources and estimate the amount of litter produced within the state.

Title XX and XXI is the Arkansas nutrient management planner and applicator certification programs. The purpose of these programs are to train and certify nutrient management plan writers to prepare nutrient management plans that explain how nutrients should be applied to land for crop production while protecting ground water and surface water from excessive nutrient enrichment. And to train and certify nutrient applicators to properly apply nutrients according to a nutrient management plan.

Title XXII is the Arkansas soil nutrient and poultry litter application and management program. The purpose of the program is to encourage prudent practices regarding the application and management of soil nutrients and poultry litter to protect and enhance the State's surface water quality while allowing for optimum soil fertility and proper plant growth with special emphasis on nutrient sensitive areas.

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