



Re: Update to Manure Spreading Advisory #3 of 2017: South Coast Region

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Refer to [Manure Spreading Advisory #3](#) of 2017 (Nov 1, 2017) for the current Advisory:

“in general, manure application on any crops is not advised.”

The following Update does not change the Advisory.

With the [T-sum](#) value hovering near 200 in several areas across the Fraser Valley, it is important to remember the other factors to consider before a forage field is suitable for spreading manure.

- The field is not frozen or saturated; subject to flooding or runoff; and is not tile drained with the potential for manure to leave the farm;
- Soil temperature should be greater than 5°C measured at a soil depth of 10 cm;
- Grass is actively growing or;
- A minimum buffer width of 5 meters (16 feet) is maintained between the application area and sensitive areas and watercourses including ditches;
- Less than 10 mm of accumulated precipitation is expected for the 5 days following application.

Most fields in the Fraser Valley do not meet these conditions, therefore there is no change to the current advisory.

A full Advisory may be issued mid March if conditions change.

Producers are responsible for decisions regarding manure spreading. Legislation gives no specific dates for manure spreading but it does not allow for manure to be spread in a manner that causes pollution.

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