

Environment



On-Farm Validation Criteria

ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLANNING

1. Do you have a valid provincial (individual) environmental farm plan (EFP), Plan d'Accompagnement Agroenvironnement (PAA) or PAA-equivalent to identify and address environmental risks on your farm?

MANURE AND SILAGE STORAGE

2. Do you manage manure to avoid contamination of surface water and groundwater?
3. Do you manage silage storage to avoid contamination of surface water and groundwater?

MANURE AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

4. Do you avoid application of manure in winter, or on frozen or saturated soil?
5. Do you have a nutrient management plan (Plan Agroenvironnemental de Fertilisation) for all of your fields and pasture that receive manure? If not, do you use practices to reduce the loss of nutrients and pathogens into the environment?

WATER MANAGEMENT

6. Is your milking center washwater contained within proper storage or managed within approved treatment systems?
7. Do you restrict access of your cattle to watercourses? If no, do you mitigate the impact of cattle on watercourses?
8. Do you maintain setbacks from a ditch, well or watercourse when applying pesticides, manure and fertilizers? If yes, what distance?

FARM INPUTS

9. Is the applicator of pesticides on your fields certified? If not, and certification is not required, are they trained in proper pesticide use?
10. Do you manage the risk of potential fuel storage leaks?

GENERAL

11. Is your emergency response plan posted and are employees aware of it?