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Cover crops planted in late september have virtually no time to germinate and grow if put on bean stubble.

Forcing spring applied manure has many issues 1 Spring on 2024 is a great example of what happens when you get a wet spring. a dry spring to allow for an optimum seed bed could take 4-7 days to allow for proper drying out of the soil and this spring we had literally 2-4 day periods for drying to take place. Planting into a wet, cold seed bed will dramatically damage the crop for the entire year, all you need to do is drive up and down the roads and see all the uneven crops we see this year. Our corn and bean operation went around the clock to just get crops planted this year now use an event like manure application to smear up the fields and then try to get back in to plant would have caused many to not get their crop planted at all.

Feedlots that sell or transfer manure and would be forced to move to spring application will struggle to find any of the crop farmers in the area to take manure in the spring, if this happens what does the feedlot permit holder do?? Older Manure storage (pits) often lack capacity to get thru for 12 months. Another reason for marginal capacity is all the washing and cleaning done that is a normal practice that wasn't being done say 10 years ago.