

## Scott Winslow

I am a fifth generation farmer writing today to ask you to please use common sense when making these rules. Think about the farmers, like me, that you want to comply with the rules. The one rule I heard you were thinking about was to make farmers stop hauling manure in the fall. This is a terrible idea with predictable negative consequences. 1) It will be extremely unhealthy for the livestock as well as the farmer taking care of the livestock because the air quality will be diminished. Our air filtration systems won't be able to keep up. 2) Your office says you will give farmers low interest loans to build more manure holding capacity. With that idea comes the chance of more spills when transferring from one pit to another. In addition the price of construction will make it a hardship on many farmers to comply. Research shows that manure adheres to the soil much better than commercial fertilizer. If we wait for the temps to get cool enough, below 50 degrees, as is the current practice, fall spreading is a good option. 3.) You want us to plant a cover crop prior to fall application, but the cover crop will be destroyed when we inject the manure. If we wait for spring to try to haul all of our manure, the roads will take quite a beating and our field soil will become compacted. If it is a wet spring planting may get further delayed. With late planting comes smaller yields which effects the bottom line and state economy. Thank you for your consideration.