

## Thomas Kunkel

As you know, the winter of 2023-24 and the spring of 2024 were very difficult for fertilizer application. One need only look at the fields of yellow corn around me to know that a lot of the fall application went out the tile lines and headed toward the Gulf of Mexico. One might say that this is an aberration, but I see it as the coming future. I think that the possibility of fertilizing in the spring closer to planting has to be given consideration. I know that farmers prefer applying in November- the air is heavy with the smell most of the month. I don't think that is very healthy either. But if some kind of incentive could be offered, I think some would consider it after the financial hit they took by fertilizing last fall. Just how to track manure application is another problem. Most farmers would like to follow the rules, but it doesn't always happen. I know Wisconsin has been using drones to try to track winter applications. I know it happens in Iosco Township. We need farmers and we need clean water- it's going to take compromises. Sincerely, Thomas Kunkel