

Spreading Log

*The newsletter of the Professional Nutrient Applicators
Association of Wisconsin*

May 24, 2005

- **Training Works! Manure spills by the numbers.**
 - **Upper Midwest Manure Expo August 11.**
 - **Association plans PR campaign for August.**
- More for-hire applicators are reporting spills in the past because, in their words, they understand it is better to self-report than have a neighbor report the problem.
 - When spills involved an applicator, steps were taken/dams built to minimize the problem, greatly reducing the potential damage.

We still have a long way to go, but we are making progress.

Training Works !

Since December, the association has been tracking the number of manure spills and runoff incidents that occurred this winter and spring. We do not have the final numbers, but some interesting trends have developed so far:

- The December – April period has seen more reported runoff events/spills than any year in recent memory.
- Of the spills we're aware of, **LESS than 15%** involve a for hire applicator (compared to **>60%** in the same months in 2001-2002).
- Of those that involve a **CERTIFIED for-hire applicator**, the incidents involved mechanical failure (hose break) and not poor application methods.

Manure Expo Aug 11

The semi-annual Upper Midwest Manure Expo (held in 2001 and 2003 in Sauk City, WI) will be held August 11 in Waseca, MN (60 miles south of Minneapolis) This year's event is hosted by the Minnesota Custom Applicators Association. Full information, along with a daily updated list of companies exhibiting, can be found at: <http://www.mnmanure.com>

Exhibitors coming to this year's event (as of May 19) include:

- Advanced Fire Protection Inc/Angus Irrigation Hose
- Ag-Chem Equipment
- AgSource Laboratories
- Agvise Laboratories
- Bazooka Farmstar
- Cadman Power Equipment Ltd
- Dairyland Laboratories

- Greystone Construction
- Hydro Engineering, Inc
- Iowa Manure Management Action Group
- Kuhn Knight Inc
- Manure Manager Magazine
- Meyer Manufacturing Corp.
- Microgy Cogeneration Systems Inc
- Midwest Laboratories, Inc
- MVTL Laboratories
- Professional Nutrient Applicators Association of Wisconsin
- Sioux Automation Center Inc
- Stearns DHIA Laboratories

If there is equipment you'd like to see demonstrated or know of companies that should be there, encourage them to visit the website. They can also contact Rick Martens, Vice President of the Minnesota Association at 320-679-5485.

A multi-state gathering of applicators is planned for the evening of August 10. More details to follow.

PR campaign set for August

Given the bad news about manure in the farm papers this spring, the Association will be working with one of the state ag newspapers on a special insert the week of August 4 to "Tell our Story". Similar to the insert we did two years ago (and the ones the papers publish before farm shows), the 8-12 page insert will focus on:

- Reasons to hire a certified applicator
- What the Association has done for Wisconsin Agriculture
- Manure spill prevention/response plans

Most importantly, the insert will include a listing of each paid member, what equipment they operate, and what level of certification they have attained. Dues must be paid by June 30 to insure that you are included on the list.

Association members will also have the opportunity to purchase an advertisement within the insert. **PLEASE NOTE THAT PURCHASING ADVERTISING IS COMPLETELY OPTIONAL** – paid members will receive a free listing in the insert as noted previously.

Association dues for 2005 are \$100 for active applicators and \$50 for associate members (industry/dealers/farmers). The current membership list (May 19) is below. New members since February are noted in Bold:

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| After All, Inc | J&S Slurry |
| Agri-Serve, LLC | K&D Manure Handling |
| Animal Slurry Pumping | Kraus Custom Forage |
| Bestul Liquid Manure Transfer | L&M Industries |
| Big Red (Blenker) | Lemmenes Custom |
| Brandon's Farm Service | Lundeen Farm Automation |
| Braun Electric | Maritime Liquid Waste |
| Cauffman's Slurry Transfer | McCarville Trucking |
| Cook's Countryside | Phil's Pumping and Fab |
| Custom Manure (Hefel) | Practical Applications |
| D & S Ag Operations | Right Way Applications |
| Dairy Aire | Rudnick Manure Hauling |
| DeBroux Custom Work | Russel Robaidek, Inc |
| Delmec Custom Slurry | Salsbury Sales and Service |
| Eisentraut Ag Services | Scheidecker Pit Pumping |
| Fellenz Custom Work | Schubert Trucking |
| Folkman Custom Hauling | Sundstrom's Pit Pumping |
| Frank's Trucking | Superior Manure Handling |
| Gruetts | T-K Ag Works |
| Halopka Pumping | Tony's Custom Work |
| Hamp Haven | Waste Control Services |
| Hefel Pumping | Wery's Dairy Aire |
| J&S Irrigation | Wohlk Farms |

Associate members (industry, farmers) include:

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| Ag-Chem Equipment | Maple Leaf Farms |
| Christopherson Farms | Innovative Business Engineering |
| Foxland Harvestore | Pagel's Ponderosa Dairy |
| Kuhn Knight | |

Checks for membership should be made out to PNAAW and sent to:

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