

8-803.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "GROSS INCOME" MEANS THE ACTUAL INCOME THAT IS RECEIVED IN A CALENDAR YEAR THAT RESULTS DIRECTLY FROM THE FARM OR AGRICULTURAL USE OF THE LAND.

(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

(1) AN AGRICULTURAL OPERATION WITH LESS THAN \$2,500 IN GROSS INCOME; OR

(2) A LIVESTOCK OPERATION WITH LESS THAN EIGHT ANIMAL UNITS AS DEFINED IN 40 C.F.R. PART 122, APPENDIX B.

(C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDING IN EACH FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET TO:

(1) ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS;

(2) MEET THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION;

(3) MEET THE STATE'S REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POULTRY LITTER TRANSPORTATION PILOT PROJECT UNDER § 8-704.2 OF THIS TITLE; AND

(4) PROVIDE STATE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL WATER-QUALITY COST SHARE PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(D) (1) STATE COST SHARING MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO FARMERS TO HELP OFFSET THE COSTS OF HAVING A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN PREPARED BY A CERTIFIED NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT WHO IS NOT EMPLOYED BY THE FEDERAL, STATE, OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

(2) STATE COST SHARE FUNDS ARE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE COSTS UP TO 50% PER ACRE, NOT TO EXCEED \$3 PER ACRE.

(3) THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF STATE COST SHARING FUNDS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(A) (E) (1) BY ~~JULY 1, 2000~~ DECEMBER 31, 2001, A PERSON WHO, IN OPERATING A FARM, USES CHEMICAL FERTILIZER, SHALL HAVE A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR NITROGEN AND PHOSPHORUS THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) (I) BY ~~JULY 1, 2000~~ DECEMBER 31, 2001, A PERSON WHO, IN OPERATING A FARM, USES SLUDGE OR ANIMAL MANURE, SHALL HAVE A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR NITROGEN.

(II) BY ~~JULY 1, 2002~~ JULY 1, 2004, A PERSON WHO, IN OPERATING A FARM, USES SLUDGE OR ANIMAL MANURE, SHALL HAVE A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR NITROGEN AND PHOSPHORUS.