



Re: Update to Manure Spreading Advisory #4 2015: South Coast Region

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Refer to Manure Spreading Advisory #4 of 2015 (November 2, 2015) for the current Advisory: "in general, manure application on any crops is not advised."

TSum as of Feb 1, 2016 :

North Delta 131	Langley Central 127	Chilliwack n/a*
Surrey East 150	Abbotsford Airport 120	Agassiz 133

*n/a, data may not be reliable

Watch the T-Sum for your area increase at Farmwest.com. The T-Sum is **one** factor used to determine appropriate timing for the first manure application on grass fields. More importantly, however, decisions about the first manure application should consider the overall risks of runoff from the field, not just the state of the grasses. On some but not all fields, conditions will be suitable for manure application before T-Sum reaches 200. On other fields, conditions will not be suitable even after T-Sum reaches 200 (e.g. if fields are still saturated from rains).

Learn about the T-Sum: <http://www.farmwest.com/node/937>

Producers are responsible for decisions regarding manure spreading. Legislation gives no specific dates for manure spreading but it does not allow for manure to be spread in a manner that causes pollution.

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