# **Grace-Mar Farms Ltd Nutrient Management Plan**

#### 2017

#### 1. Introduction

This is a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) for Grace-Mar Farms Ltd., 5904 Salmon River Road, Spallumcheen BC for the 2017 cropping year (see Figure 1 for farm location). It contains information on all nitrogen sources on the farm, and nitrogen requirements for crops in 2017 based on estimated crop uptake and residual soil nitrate levels. It has been developed with the goal of a zero or negative nitrogen balance on all fields as per the requirements in the amendment to the Grace-Mar Farms Ltd. PAO #108389 of March 1, 2017. This means that the supply of crop-available nitrogen in manure (the only nitrogen source on the farm in 2017) will be equal to or less than the estimated crop requirement for nitrogen.

A summary of 2017 planned nitrogen applications is found in Table 1.

**Livestock on farm 2017:** Grace-Mar Farms Ltd. is a dairy farm located on Salmon River Road in Spallumcheen BC. It currently (as of April 1, 2017) houses only young stock consisting of approximately 300 heifers aged 7 to 24 months in age. This will be the livestock complement for 2017. Prior to April 1, 2017 it housed a 150-cow milking herd and approximately 50 calves. The farm is currently being used to house young stock from the operation's main farm in the Fraser Valley.

This plan considers nitrogen only. The combination of residual levels of phosphorus and potassium in the soil and the amount in the planned manure applications will meet crop needs for these nutrients for 2017. Some of the fields farmed by Grace-mar currently have very high levels of plant-available phosphorus. Elevated soil phosphorus is a concern where there is hydraulic conductivity between fields and surface water such as where fields are located next to surface water or where ditches or tile drainage connects to surface water. That is not the case at Grace-Mar farms. There is no surface water in the vicinity of the farm's fields. The farm's crop advisor is actively working with Grace-Mar farms to reduce residual soil phosphorus levels by increasing the acreage planted to alfalfa and by rotating alfalfa with corn silage.

This plan was prepared with the assistance of Doug Macfarlane, Certified Crop Advisor. He calculated nitrogen application rates based on crop requirements. His proposed application rates have been reviewed as part of preparation of this plan.

All calculated values used in this plan are derived from the Ministry of Agriculture's Nutrient Management Planner calculator Excel spreadsheet.

#### Disclaimer

This plan has been developed based on a combination of research and industry-standard estimates from BC Ministry of Agriculture nutrient management materials, and farm-specific information where available. It is understood that even when industry-standard estimates are used to calculate application rates of manure, there is considerable imprecision in the process. This plan has been prepared with the goal of a zero nitrogen balance in all fields, and to ensure that the level of residual nitrate-N in soil in fall 2017 is low. However, no guarantee is made that this will be achieved in 2017. Results of post-harvest

soil nitrate testing in fall 2017 will be used to further fine-tune manure application rates in 2018 as required.

**Table 1. Summary of 2017 Planned Manure Nitrogen Applications** 

Field ID	Crop N requirement (Table 6)	Planned n applicatio		Crop- available N supplied in manure (Table 8)	N balance* (difference between crop requirement and supply) (Table 8)
	Lb/A	Liquid manure Imp. Gal/A	Solid manure Tons/A	Lb/A	N requirement less N supply
101 Pivot N	238	11,000	0	74	164
101 Pivot S	368	12,000	0	98	270
102 Bottom Back	65	0	0	0	65
105 Top Back	106	12,000	0	98	8
201 Reserve Pivot	96	8,000	<8	<86	>10

<sup>\*</sup>In 2017 all fields will receive less nitrogen than crop requirements. All are in negative nitrogen balance meaning that supply of nitrogen in 2017 will be less than crop requirements.

#### 2. Acreage report - 2017

Grace-Mar Farms will farm 325 acres (132 hectares) of land in 2017. The fields are listed with areas and 2017 cropping information in Table 2 below. Fields are identified on Figure 2.

Cropping is summarized as follows:

- 100 acres (40 hectares) in corn silage (Fields 105 and 201).
- 178 acres (72 hectares) in alfalfa:grass, 109 acres (44 hectares) to be planted in spring 2017 (Fields 101 N and 102), remainder were planted in 2016 (Field 101 S).
- 46 acres (19 hectares) of pasture for hay production (Fields 103 and 104). These areas will not be grazed in 2017 and will receive no manure or fertilizer.

**Table 2. 2017 Acreage Report** 

Field ID	Area		2017 Cropping Status	2017 Planned Nutrient Source
	ha	acres		
101 Pivot N	25	61.7	Alfalfa:grass, new seeding	Manure
101 Pivot S	28	70	Alfalfa:grass, 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr stand	Manure
102 Bottom Back	19	47.3	Alfalfa:grass, new seeding	None
103 Corner	4	10	Grass hay, not grazed	None
104 Pasture	14.7	36	Grass hay, not grazed	None
105 Top Back	5.7	14	Silage corn	Manure

201 Reserve Pivot+Bottom	35	86	Silage corn	Manure
301 Matheson Rd	23	57	Not leased	n/a
302 Hideaway	23	57	Not leased	n/a

#### 3. Results of Ministry of Agriculture 2016 Post-harvest Soil Nitrate Study

Table 3 contains the results of the fall 2017 post-harvest nitrate soil testing at Grace-Mar Farms for the fields that will be farmed in 2017 (lab data in Appendix 1). All fields had residual soil nitrate-N in fall 2016 in the medium to very high category of environmental risk based on the Kowalenko scale that is proposed for adoption by the BC Ministry of Agriculture and that was used to assess residual soil nitrate-N levels in the Hullcar area in fall 2016. Three fields (101A Pivot North, 105 Top Back and 201 Reserve Pivot) had residual nitrate-N in the medium environmental risk range, with the recommendation to 'consider changes to nitrogen management'. Field 101B Pivot (road or south) and field 102 Bottom Back had residual nitrate-N in the high and very high environmental risk range respectively with the recommendation to 'change nitrogen management' to reduce residual nitrate-N and environmental risk.

Bulk density conversions: Residual soil nitrate-N was converted from mg/kg to kg/ha assuming a soil bulk density of 1470 kg/m³ to reflect the sandy texture of the soils in and around the Grace-Mar property. The original conversions from mg/kg to kg/ha of soil residual nitrate-N made by Ministry of Agriculture staff in fall 2016 following the 2016 post-harvest soil nitrate survey assumed a soil bulk density of 1150 kg/m³ to allow comparison to the data from the 2007 Ministry of Agriculture Okanagan soil survey. The higher bulk density used in this NMP has resulted in slightly higher total residual nitrate-N levels which resulted in a higher environmental risk rating for two of five fields (Field 101B Pivot S environmental risk rating increased to high from medium, and 105 Top Back rating increased to medium from low). The Kowalenko environmental risk ratings have been calculated assuming a soil bulk density of 1150 kg/m³. To accurately rank the residual soil nitrate levels, the environmental risk ratings should be converted from mg/kg to kg/ha using the same bulk density. When this is done, Fields 101 N, 105 and 201 have low environmental risk ratings, 101 S is in the medium range, and only Field 102 Bottom back is in the high to very high range. However, out of an abundance of caution, the original risk rating values have been used in this NMP.

As a result of the high to very high residual nitrate-N in Field 102 Bottom Back it will receive no manure or nitrogen fertilizer in 2017 and until residual soil levels decline.

These residual soil nitrate-N levels have been included when calculating manure application rates for 2017 in all fields.

Residual soil ammonium-N data has not been included. Soil residual levels of ammonium-N were low in fall 2016, and there is currently no Ministry of Agriculture interpretation for residual soil ammonium-N.

Table 3. Soil residual nitrate-N levels from PHNT program – fall 2016

Field ID	Sample Depth	Nitrate-N NO₃-N	NO <sub>3</sub> by depth and Total NO <sub>3</sub> to 90 cm	Kowalenko rating*
	cm	mg/kg	kg/ha @BD 1470	
101A Home Pivot North	0-15	14	31	Medium
	15-30	5	11	
	30-60	4	18	
	60-90	6	26	
Total			86	
101B Home Pivot Road	0-15	36	79	High
	15-30	8	18	
	30-60	3	13	
	60-90	3	13	
Total			123	
102 Bottom Back	0-15	30	66	Very high
	15-30	28	62	
	30-60	17	75	
	60-90	13	57	
Total			260	
105 Top Back	0-15	10	22	Medium
	15-30	4	9	
	30-60	3	13	
	60-90	4	18	
Total			62	
201 Reserve Pivot	0-15	18	40	Medium
	15-30	4	9	
	30-60	2	9	
	60-90	2	9	
Total			66	

<sup>\*</sup>Kowalenko environmental risk rating: 0-49 kg/ha low, 50-99 kg/ha medium, 100-199 kg/ha high, 200+ kg/ha very high. Note: Residual nitrate-N in soil was calculated at a soil BD of 1470 kg/m³. Kowalenko environmental risk ratings are calculated assuming a soil BD of 1150 kg/m³. This increases the risk rating in 4 of 5 fields; see section 3 for discussion.

## 4. Nitrogen from all sources in 2017

#### Manure production – October 2016 to September 2017

**Liquid manure (slurry):** October 2016 to March 1 2017 manure production: manure to be applied in spring 2017 consists of the volume accumulated since October 2016 when the lagoon and pit were last emptied for winter. This consisted of manure from 150 milking cows. Calf manure was handled as solid manure.

March 1 2017 to September 2017: manure production during this time period will be from 300 heifers, 40% 7 to 15 months of age and 60% 16 to 26 months of age. All other livestock including all milking cows have been moved to the Fraser Valley operation.

Total liquid manure production during the October 2016 to September 2017 period including all runoff from roofs and areas around the barns and precipitation in manure storages (Table 4): **11,269 tons** (approx. 2.24 million Imperial gallons).

**Solid manure:** the solid manure to be land applied in spring 2017 consists of separated solids from the slurry stream, solid manure from calf housing and the shavings: manure blend that was removed from the lagoon overtopping event in February 2017. The solid manure produced between spring and fall 2017 will consist of separated solids from the heifer manure. This manure will be stored over winter 2017-18 and spread in spring 2018.

Total solid manure production October 2016 to September 2017 (Worksheet 7.1): **824 tons (does not include clean-up solids from February lagoon over-topping: see section 6 for tonnage of that material)**.

Note: because the number and type of dairy animals changed halfway through the year, half of the livestock numbers present during each half of the year have been entered in Worksheet 7.1 (Table 4) to estimate the manure production for the entire year.

Worksheet 7.1. Annual Manure Production for Dairy Cattle Type of Milk Cow 75 Days Grazing and Waste Number of Cows Milking 65.0 Average milk production per milked cow (lb/day Total Manure % Slurry Generation Slurry Solid Your Manure Solid/Lia Separated to Slurry Solid fraction Type of Anima Туре Numbe Numbe Separation 161 E E 31 Drv Cow 15 n Slurry 10 n n Heifers (16 to 26 months) Ł 25 90 Slurry H 10 140 27  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}$ Heifers (7 to 15 months) 21 60 Slurry 10 53 10 Calves (4 to 6 months) Slurry 21 8 25 100 0 Calves (0 to 3 months) 25 Slurry 100 0 11 151 100 Total **Total Daily Manure Production** 354 Milk House Effluent (typically 0.75 to 1.5 ft<sup>3</sup>/day/milk cow): 15 ft3/dav/milk cow (ft<sup>3</sup>/day) 113 1000 L = 35.3 ft<sup>3</sup> PLUS Other Liquid Wastes (silage effluent, etc.) 60 PLUS Other Solid Wastes (spoiled feed, etc.) 25 (ft<sup>3</sup>/day) Assumed bulk density of solids: 527 125 (ft3/day) 1688 (yd3/year) (kg/m³) 580 7123 Manure and Waste Production 0.488 (tons/yd³) OR 6003 824 (tons/year 125000 Collection Size of Yard Areas That Runoff Needs to be Collected From (ft2) This applies only to rainwater that enters liquid manure handling systems 80000 Size of Roof Area That Discharge to Yard Areas Listed Above or That Discharge Directly Into the Manure Storage 40000 Unroofed Surface Area of Manure Storage Facilities Floating crust on manure surface Verson Weather Data Site to be used 6248.6 (vd3/vear) How is this calculated? **Total Rainwater Collection** 5266.2 Slurry Solid Total Weight of Manure Produced 11269

Table 4. Calculation of manure production October 2016 to September 2017

**Nitrogen content in manure**: samples of liquid and solid manure were collected in March 2017 from the lagoon and solid manure storages. The liquid manure contained 0.15% total nitrogen and 811 ppm of ammonium-N. The solid manure contained 0.415% total nitrogen and 498 ppm of ammonium-N. This lab data was entered into the NMP calculator and used to calculate the amount of nitrogen in the manure for 2017 (Table 5). Original lab data is found in Appendix 2.

**Lagoon clean-up effluent**: Following the lagoon topping in February, a quantity of effluent was removed from the lagoon to prevent further over-topping. This liquid, because it was primarily top-of-lagoon snowmelt water, had a lower nitrogen content than the mixed lagoon. This 'clean-up liquid' contained 0.069% total nitrogen, and 377.5 ppm ammonium-N (data in Appendix 2).

Nitrogen content calculations are based on the assumption that 35% of the organic nitrogen in the manure will be crop-available in 2017, and 70% of the ammonium-N will be retained following manure application (Table 5). These are BC Ministry of Agriculture assumptions and are based on the moisture content of the liquid manure and the length of time till manure incorporation.

Clean-up solids: There was also a quantity of 'clean-up' solids generated when wood shavings were mixed with manure that flowed out of the lagoon during the February overtopping of the lagoon. This material contained 0.326% total nitrogen and 99 ppm of ammonia-N (original lab data in Appendix 2). The mixture was stored in an empty concrete silage bunker until April 2017 when it was applied to the whole of field 105 and approx. 20% of field 201/202. Because the carbon: nitrogen ratio of this material was quite high (46:1) and because it contains fresh wood shavings, it is assumed that it will not contribute any available nitrogen to the crops in these fields in 2017 and may tie up some of the available nitrogen as the wood shavings break down in the soil.

Worksheet 4. Calculate Crop Nutrients in the Manure Sources Manure Nitrogen (N) Availability Calculatio Manure P2O5 and K2O st-year pla available (NO3-N) (col. B - C / 104) x 20 (Table 6) (col. D x E) (Table 7) (col. M x 20 x 1.2 (lb N/ton) (lb N/ton) (lb N/ton) (lb N/ton) 0.15 811 1.4 0.35 0.50 0.7 1.14 1.63 0.010 0.5 011 2.6 Dairy Solids 0.41 498 7.1 0.25 1.78 0.58 0.58 2.35 0.096 4,4 0.28 6.7 0.06 0.5 0.18 0.41 0.59 0.008 0.4 0.05 1.1 Cleanup Liquid 0.0 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.00 0.00 0.00 00 00 0.0 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.0 0.0

Table 5. Calculation of Nitrogen Content of Manure

## Other sources of nitrogen on farm

**Fertilizer nitrogen:** No nitrogen fertilizer is planned to be used at Grace-Mar farms in 2017 unless results of pre-sidedress nitrogen soil testing on fields 105 and 201/202 show that there is insufficient nitrogen in the soil to provide the nitrogen required by the corn crop till harvest. If there is insufficient nitrogen in mid-June when pre-sidedress samples are taken (if soil available N level is below 25-30 ppm), nitrogen fertilizer will be applied at the rate required to meet corn requirements for the remainder of the growing season. This decision will be made by the crop advisor.

**Irrigation water:** The farm irrigates with two wells. Lab analysis of well #4 in January 2016 showed nitrates below the lab's detection limit (data attached in Appendix 3). Irrigation water will be tested for nitrates in 2017 to confirm nitrates remain below detection levels. If the 2017 irrigation water test results show that the water contains nitrates, contribution in irrigation water will be calculated and considered when developing application rates of manure for 2018.

**Composted mortalities**: From fall 2016 to March 2017, Grace-Mar composted their mortalities in their solids storage area. This is a suitable place for composting mortalities; it has a concrete base and any runoff is collected in the liquid manure storages. These mortalities are still composting, and will not be land applied until spring 2018. The nitrogen in the mortalities will be accounted for at that time. Since

March 2017, all mortalities at Grace-Mar farms have been hauled away for disposal. This will continue for the foreseeable future; there will be no more mortality composting at Grace-Mar.

## 5. Cropping and nitrogen requirements of crops in 2017

Grace-Mar will be applying manure to 4 fields in 2017 (Table 7 and Figure 2). All other fields farmed by Grace-Mar will not receive manure in 2017 and therefore have not been discussed in this NMP (except field 102 Bottom back which has been included because it had elevated residual nitrates in fall 2016).

**2017 Crops:** 2017 cropping information is found in columns B, C and D of Table 6. Crop, estimated dry yield and protein content of crop have been provided by Doug Macfarlane.

- **Field 101** Home pivot north, planted to corn in 2016, will be seeded with a mix of alfalfa and orchard grass in spring 2017. This year's crop will be a new seeding of alfalfa and orchard grass.
- **Field 101B** Home pivot south was seeded to a mix of alfalfa and orchard grass in spring 2016, and is now a second year stand of alfalfa:grass.
- **Field 102** Bottom back, planted to corn in 2016, will be seeded with a mix of alfalfa and orchard grass in spring 2017. This year's crop will be a new seeding of alfalfa:grass. This field will receive no manure in 2017.
- Field 105 Top back will be planted to silage corn in 2017. It also grew corn in 2016.
- **Fields 201/202** Reserve will both grow silage corn in 2017. These fields also grew silage corn in 2016.

**Crop nitrogen requirements for 2017**: Table 6, Column H contains the nitrogen application rate recommendations for 2017. This number is the estimated crop nitrogen uptake (column E) less the amount of residual nitrate in the 0 to 60 cm depth of the soil (column F, from fall 2016 PHNT results) and less the amount of nitrogen that is estimated to be released from soil organic matter in 2017 for each field (column G).

Column E contains the estimated crop nitrogen uptake values by field for 2017. These values are the product of crop dry yield by crop protein corrected for %N in protein (16% of protein is nitrogen).

Column F contains the residual soil nitrate from fall 2017 soil test results to 60 cm depth. Even though the new seedings of alfalfa:grass may not root deeper than 30 cm in 2017, it was felt that this was a conservative assessment of available nitrogen in soil.

Column G contains the nitrogen fertility factors by field which are an estimate of the amount of nitrogen which will be released from soil organic matter over the 2017 growing season. All fields farmed by Grace-Mar have high fertility due to longterm application of manure to the land base. Field 102 was given a higher fertility factor than the other fields because, despite several years of low manure application and no chemical fertilizer, it still has very high organic matter and high fall residual nitrates, measurably higher than the other fields. The other fields were assumed to have high but not very high fertility because manure and fertilizer applications have been moderate for the past several years.

Management of lagoon over-topping area: The area where manure overflowed from the lagoon in February was cleaned up using shavings to absorb manure. Resulting solid material was removed from the area using a backhoe. This area will be allowed to grow back into grass which it was planted to prior to the spill, and will be harvested as hay in 2017. This will absorb any residual nitrogen from the spill.

Soil samples from the area will be taken in fall 2017 to assess residual nitrate levels. No manure or fertilizer will be applied in this area which is a part of field 104 Pasture. No livestock will be pastured in this area in 2017.

Table 6. Cropping and crop nitrogen requirements - 2017

Worksheet 1. Calculate the Crop	Nitrogen Ap	plication Re	ecommend	ations			
Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н
Field Description	C	Crop Informatio	n	Crop Nitroge	n (N) Applicator	Calculations	Crop Nitrogen Application Recommend'n
(name or number)	Crop type to be fertilized	Crop dry yield  (estimated)	Protein content of crop <sup>b</sup> (estimated)	Crop Nitrogen (N) Uptake  (col. C x D x 1.6 x 2)	Available soil nitrogen (nitrate plus ammonia) <sup>c</sup> (lab report)		(col. E – F - G)
		(tons/ac) <sup>a</sup>	(%)	(lb N/ac)	(lb N/ac)	(lb N/ac)	(lb N/ac)
101 Home Pivot North	Alf/Gra	5.0	21.0	336	53	45.0	238
101B Home Pivot South Road	Alf/Gra	8.0	20.0	512	99	45.0	368
102 Bottom Back	Alf/Gra	5.0	21.0	336	181	90.0	65
105 Top Back	corn sil	7.5	8.0	192	41	45.0	106
201/202 Reserve	corn sil	7.5	8.0	192	51	45.0	96
				0			0
				0			0

#### 6. Planned application rate of manure in 2017

Table 7 contains the planned manure applications by field for 2017. The manure application rate is determined on a weight basis (tons/A) and converted to a volume basis (gallons/A) in the NMP calculator. The application rate is calculated from the crop requirement and the nitrogen content of the manure. The table also summarizes the emergency manure applications that occurred between February and April 2017 before this NMP was completed.

**Liquid manure (effluent):** Will be applied to four fields in 2017 at or below the recommended application rates. There will be insufficient manure available to meet crop nitrogen recommendations as listed in Table 6 above. Liquid manure will be preferentially applied to fields 105 and 201/202 which will be planted to corn silage and therefore need sufficient nitrogen to meet growth expectations. Any extra manure will be applied to the other fields, beginning with field 101B which is a second year stand of alfalfa:grass. Any residual will be applied to field 101 (Pivot N) which will be planted to alfalfa:grass in spring 2017. Alfalfa:grass fields will receive small applications of manure after first, second and possibly third cut to provide up to the recommended maximum application rate of manure.

Field 103 (Bottom Back) will receive no manure or fertilizer in 2017 due to high residual soil nitrate in fall 2016 and very high soil organic matter.

**Liquid manure applications pre-completion of NMP:** Field 101 (Pivot N) received an emergency application of 3,000 gallons/acre of 'lagoon liquid' on the north half of the field in February 2017. In February 2017, the lagoon over-topped due to its capacity being exceeded, and a quantity of effluent spilled out of the lagoon. In order to prevent further over-topping, a quantity of effluent was removed

from the lagoon at this time and applied to the north half of Field 101 N as an emergency measure. The effluent was taken from the surface of the lagoon (without agitating the lagoon) and therefore had a lower nitrogen content than the remaining effluent. This application will be accounted for when applying additional manure to the field to ensure that the recommended nitrogen rate is not exceeded. As well, also due to lagoon at capacity, Field 105 (Top Back) received an application of liquid manure in March 2017 at the rate of 3,000 gallons/A; additional liquid manure in 2017 will be limited to no more than 9,000 gallons/A to ensure that nitrogen application recommendations are not exceeded.

A quantity of manure (approximately 360,000 gallons) was hauled off-site and stored in an available storage pit in March, also due to insufficient capacity in the lagoon. This manure will be utilized on land not owned or farmed by Grace-Mar Farms and not located over Hullcar aquifer 103.

**Solid manure:** Will be applied to the 201 Reserve Pivot field which will benefit from the high level of organic matter in the manure solids. The application rate will be less than 8.3 tons per acre because some of the manure solids will be generated during June-September 2017 and will be stored for application in spring 2018.

Lagoon clean-up solids: There was also a quantity of a sawdust:dirt:manure blend that was the result of cleanup of the material that flowed out of the lagoon in February. This material was applied to the entire area of Field 105 (Top Back) at the rate of 12.6 tons/A and was applied to approximately 20% of Field 201/202 (Reserve) at the rate of 10 tons/A. This resulted in application of approximately 21 lb/A of available N on Field 105, and 16.5 lb/A on 20% of Field 201/202. However, because the carbon:nitrogen ratio of this material was quite high at 46:1 and because it contains fresh wood shavings, it is not expected to contribute any available N to the crop in 2017. It may act to tie up some of the soil's available nitrogen in 2017. Therefore no credit has been given for the nitrogen in this material when calculating available nitrogen for 2017.

Table 7. Planned manure applications for 2017 including February-April pre-NMP applications

Field		Liquid Manui	re		Solid manure	
	2017 Planned application rate	Amount applied pre- NMP	Remaining 2017 application rate	2017 Planned application rate	Clean-up solids applied pre-NMP*	Remaining 2017 application rate
		Gallons/A			Tons/A	
101 Pivot N	11,000	N ½ of field (Feb): 3,000 S ½ of field: 0	N ½ of field: 8,000 S ½ of field: 11,000	0	0	0
101 Pivot S	12,000	0	12,000	0	0	0
102 Bottom Back	0	0	0	0	0	0
105 Top Back	12,000	(March) 3,000	9,000	0	(March) 12.6*	0
201/202 Reserve	8,000	0	8,000	<8.3	(April) 20% of field: 10* 80% of field: 0	<8.3

<sup>\*</sup>Dirt, shavings and manure mixture from lagoon spill cleanup. Because of its high C/N ratio and low nitrogen content, it is assumed that this material will not contribute any available N in 2017.

**Pre-sidedress nitrate testing for corn:** A pre-sidedress nitrate-N test will be done on Fields 105 and 201/202 in June to confirm that there is sufficient available nitrogen for the corn crop to achieve normal yields. If soil available nitrogen levels are insufficient to meet crop requirements for the remainder of the growing season, chemical fertilizer will be applied to meet the deficit. This decision will be made by Doug Macfarlane, crop advisor for Grace-Mar, and he will determine the application rate required.

#### 7. Agronomic balance calculations – Crop requirements vs. nutrients to be applied

Table 8 shows the nitrogen balance for each field for 2017 (3<sup>rd</sup> from last column). Application rates for 2017 were planned to achieve a zero or better nitrogen balance. The table shows that, based on the assumptions used in the calculator, the available farm-specific data and the planned manure application rates, each field should have a zero or better nitrogen balance in 2017. Post-harvest soil nitrate testing in fall 2017 will show how close to nitrogen balance each field is, and further adjustments to manure application rates will be made in 2018 as required.

**Fields 105 Top Back and 201/202 Reserve:** These fields will grow silage corn in 2017. The planned nitrogen balance on these fields is 8 and 10 lb N/acre respectively which means that 8 and 10 lb/A less N will be provided in the manure than the crop is expected to require for normal growth.

**Fields 101 Pivot N and S:** These fields will be growing an alfalfa: grass mixture in 2017. The planned nitrogen balance on these fields is better than zero which means that the manure will provide

significantly less nitrogen than the crop requires for normal growth but, because alfalfa is a nitrogen-fixing crop, it will make up any deficiency with atmospheric nitrogen.

**Field 102 Bottom Back:** This field will be planted to a new stand of alfalfa and orchard grass in spring 2017 and will not receive any manure in 2017. The new stand will take up the residual nitrate-N in the soil.

Table 8. Agronomic balance calculations for 2017 cropping year

Field Description	Crop type	Field Size		Source ation Method	Manure Application Rate		Av	railable Nutrie	nts in the Yea	ar of Applicat	ion		Crop Nutrient on estimat	Recommend ed soil nutrie		recomme	c Balance (cr ndation minu n the year of	s available
							Manure	Sources			Fertilizer							
(Worksheet 1, col. A)	(Worksheet 1, col. B)		Show/Hide Manure Source #2	Show/Hide Manure Source #3	See note below for guidance in determining rate <sup>a</sup>	N (Col E x Worksheet 4, col. J)	First-year	(Col E x G x Worksheet 4, col. L)	K <sub>2</sub> O (Col E x Worksheet 4, col. N)	N Sum all planr year. Use W	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ed fertilizer ac orksheet 6.1 t help.		N (Worksheet 1, col. H)	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (Worksheet 2, col. I)	K₂O (Worksheet 3, col. I)	N <sup>n</sup> (col. M – F – J)	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> <sup>n</sup> (col. N – H – K)	(col. O – I – L)
(name or number)		(ac)	but	to use the showhide tons. drop-down list)	(tons/ac)	(lb N/ac)	-	(lb P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> /ac)	(lb K <sub>2</sub> O/ac)	(lb N/ac)	(lb P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> /ac)	(lb K <sub>2</sub> O/ac)	(lb N/ac)	(lb P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> /ac)	(lb K <sub>2</sub> O/ac)	(lb N/ac)	(lb P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> /ac)	(lb K <sub>2</sub> O/ac)
101 Home Pivot North	Alf/Gra	61.7	Liq	juid	40	65	0.75	14	106									
			Dairy	Solids	0	0	0.75	0	0									
			Cleanu	p Liquid	15	9	0.75	4	17									
			all mo	inures		74	n/a	18	123				238	17	0	164	-1	-123
101B Home Pivot South Road	Alf/Gra	69.5	Liq	juid	60	98	0.85	23	158									
			Dairy	Solids		0	0.85	0	0									
				p Liquid		0	0.85	0	0									
				nures		98	n/a	23	158				368	0	0	270	-23	-158
102 Bottom Back	Alf/Gra	47.3	- 1	juid	0	0	0.65	0	0									
				Solids		0	0.65	0	0									
				p Liquid anures		0	0.65 n/a	0	0				65	4.3	0	65	4.3	0
105 Top Back	corn sil	14.0		nuid	60	98	0.75	21	158				00	73	0	00	73	
105 гор васк	COITI SII	14.0		Solids	0	98	0.75	0	108									
				p Liquid		0	0.75	0	0									
				anures		98	n/a	21	158				106	14	0	8	-7	-158
201/202 Reserve	corn sil	86.1	Lic	nuid	40	65	0.65	12	106									
				Solids	9	21	0.65	26	60									
				p Liquid		0	0.65	0	0									
			all mo	nures		86	n/a	38	166				96	35	54	10	-3	-112

#### 8. Timing of manure applications

All manure applications on all fields are scheduled to occur in spring 2017 (April-May) with the exception of Field 101 pivot south (and possibly 101 N if required) which will receive three applications during the cropping season, 6000 gallons/A after the first cut of alfalfa and 3000 gallons/A after each of the second and third cuts of alfalfa for a total of 12,000 gallons/A. All manure applications on this field will be complete by October 31<sup>st</sup>, the BC Ministry of Agriculture recommended deadline for manure application on perennial cropped land. Less than 50% of the annual nutrient demand will be applied during the September –October period on this field.

Emergency manure applications February-April 2017: Due to insufficient storage capacity for liquid manure and a wetter than normal 2016/2017 fall winter and spring, Grace-Mar farms had a manure spill from their lagoon in February 2017. They made emergency applications of liquid manure in February and March, and applied the clean-up manure solids in March-April before this NMP was written. These applications have been described in section 6.

#### 9. Method of manure application

Liquid manure will be applied by vacuum tanker, either by a custom manure application company or with the farm's vacuum tanker. Solid manure will be applied by solid manure spreader. Both of these manure application methods allow accurate tracking of volumes of manure applied for record keeping.

#### 10. Tracking of manure applications

All manure applications made to Grace-Mar's land base during 2017 will be tracked by the farm manager. Loads and volumes on each field will be recorded and made available to the Director on request. This information will be used to confirm 2017 manure application rates.

#### 11. Setbacks

Manure application setbacks as detailed in the March 1, 2017 Amendment to the PAO will be adhered to when applying manure. There are 4 active wells on the Grace-Mar property, marked with yellow stars on Figure 2. Two are considered drinking water wells because they are used for livestock watering and for washing in the milking parlour and barns (well in barnyard and well south west of pond in Field 102). These wells need a 30 metre manure application buffer (marked on map). The other two wells are in Field 102 as well but are irrigation wells and require only a 3.5 m manure application buffer (not marked on map). As Field 102 Bottom Back will not be receiving any manure or other fertilizer in 2017, this buffer requirement is described only for completeness.

#### 12. Other fertilizer application in 2017

No non-nitrogen fertilizer is scheduled to be applied at Grace-Mar Farms in 2017. Application of gypsum with boron was contemplated earlier in the season but this has been delayed until 2018.

#### 13. Irrigation rate

Grace-Mar Farms Ltd is situated on soils with a texture of sand, sandy loam or loamy sand. These soils are rapidly permeable and have low moisture and nutrient holding capacity. Nitrate leaching can occur easily from these soils if irrigation water moves down below the crop rooting depth. For this reason, Grace-Mar will irrigate according to soil moisture sensors to ensure that irrigation water does not move deeper than 60 cm in the soil, the approximate crop rooting depth. The Action Plan derived from the 2016 EIA describes the soil moisture monitoring to be done in 2017.

#### 14. Manure storage capacity

Grace-Mar Farms has two manure storage facilities for liquid manure (effluent) and two storage areas for separated manure solids (identified on Figure 3). In this section, manure storage capacity has been calculated based on the livestock currently on site, namely young stock only, which represents the situation at the farm going forward.

**Liquid storage:** The farm has a circular concrete manure storage tank of dimensions 25 m in diameter by 3.7 m deep with effective storage capacity of 1473 m<sup>3</sup>, and an in-ground lined lagoon of dimensions 38 m by 54 m by 3.7 m deep with approximate effective storage capacity of 4400 m<sup>3</sup>. Total storage capacity estimated to be **5873 m<sup>3</sup>**. Both of these storage capacities allow for a minimum 0.5 m freeboard.

The farm currently has 300 young stock on site, approximately 120 age 7 to 16 months and 180 age 16 to 26 months. This number of livestock plus rainwater from roof, manure storages and yard areas is expected to produce 10,360 tons (9400 m³) of manure effluent per year (calculated using the NMP calculator, see Table 9). During the 6-month winter storage period (mid-October through mid-April), 55% of the annual precipitation in the Hullcar area falls which will result in a total liquid manure production of approximately **5170 m³** during these months.

Based on these calculations, the farm appears to have sufficient storage to hold manure plus rainwater and runoff for a 6 month over-winter storage period. The farm appears to have sufficient storage for up to 7 months of manure plus precipitation and runoff. However, this is based on estimates of the area from which runoff from precipitation enters the lagoon and pit and does not consider any extra water used in the barns for cleaning or flushing as these amounts are not known.

**Solid manure storage:** The farm has a concrete storage area with lock-block walls outside the barns which holds 167 m³ of solids (14x9.8x1.22m), and a concrete bunker which holds 1438 m³ (15.2x45.7x1.83m). Total solids storage capacity is 1605 m³. Leachate from the lock-block storage area enters the concrete manure storage tank. Leachate from the concrete bunker flows into the farm's runoff catchment system which flows into the concrete storage tank.

For the 6-month overwinter storage period as above, solids production is estimated at half of the annual production of 654 tons per year or 327 tons of solid manure (544 m³ based on BD of 600 kg/m³).

Based on these calculations, the farm appears to have sufficient storage capacity for solid manure for a 6-month over-winter storage period. The farm appears to have sufficient storage for up to 17 months of solids.

Worksheet 7.1. Annual Manure Production for Dairy Cattle Type of Milk Cow and Waste Number of Cows Milking Days Grazing 65.0 Average milk production per milked cow (lb/day Total Manure % Slurry Primary Using Generation Solid/Liq Solid Slurry Type of Anima Numbe Туре Separation Solid fraction 2 Slurry Slurry Dry Cow 0 0 0 ы ы Heifers (16 to 26 months) 180 Slurry 10 280 Heifers (7 to 15 months) 120  $\nabla$ Slurry ы 107 20 10 Calves (4 to 6 months) n 0 M Slurry  $\overline{\mathbf{F}}$ 100 0 0 Calves (0 to 3 months)  $\overline{\mathbf{M}}$ Slurry 300 Total Daily M 387 74 Milk House Effluent (typically 0.75 to 1.5 ft3/day/milk cow): (ft3/day) 0 60 PLUS Other Liquid Wastes (silage effluent, etc.)  $1000 L = 35.3 ft^3$ PLUS Other Solid Wastes (spoiled feed, etc.) 25 (ft<sup>3</sup>/day) Assumed bulk density of solids 580 (kg/m<sup>3</sup>) 1.341 (yd3/year) Manure and Waste Production 6044 0.488 (tons/yd³) 5094 Size of Yard Areas That Runoff Needs to be Collected From 125000 This applies only to rainwater that enters liquid manure handling systems Size of Roof Area That Discharge to Yard Areas Listed Above 80000 or That Discharge Directly Into the Manure Storage Unroofed Surface Area of Manure Storage Facilities 40000 (ft<sup>2</sup>) Floating crust on manure surface Weather Data Site to be used (yd3/year) 6248.6 How is this calculated? **Total Rainwater Collection** 5266.2 Total Weight Solid Slurry Total Weight of Manure Produced 10360.3 654 (tons/y

Table 9. Manure production from young stock - 2017 and beyond

# 15. Post-harvest soil nitrate testing – fall 2017

After crop harvest in fall 2017, soil sampling will be done in each field including 102 Bottom Back to at least 60 cm depth to assess the accuracy of 2017 manure application rates. At this time, the 2017 manure application rates will be reviewed based on residual soil nitrate-N levels, and adjustments made to rates and timing as required for 2018.

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Figure 1. Location Map – Grace-Mar Farms Ltd.



102 Bottom Back

105 Top
Back

101 Pivot N

Barns

101 Pivot S

Goods

Figure 2. Map of Grace-Mar Property and Fields, Livestock Watering, Irrigation Wells and Setbacks (wells identified by star)

**Note:** Two wells are considered domestic wells. These wells must have a 30 m setback between the well head and edge of manure application area. This has been marked for one well as a circle around the well. The second domestic well is located in the farmyard and there is sufficient buffer around it from farm buildings. Other wells and the pond located in 102 Bottom back must have a 3.5 m setback for manure application.

Lagoon

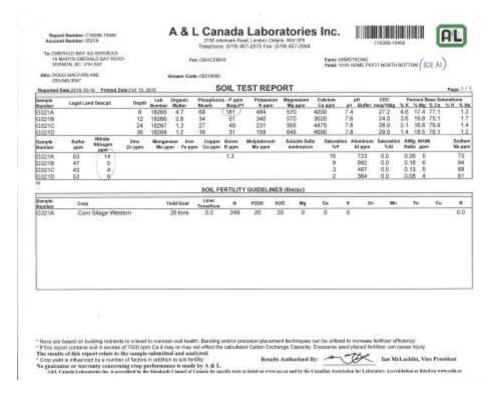
Concrete in-ground tank

Manure solids storage areas and temporary mortality composting area

Figure 3. Close-up of Grace-Mar barns and manure storages

# Appendix 1. Fall 2016 PHNT Soil Data

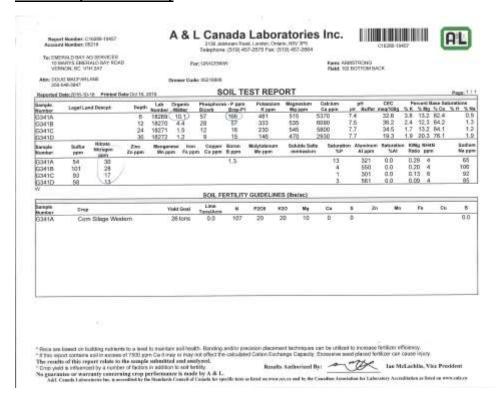
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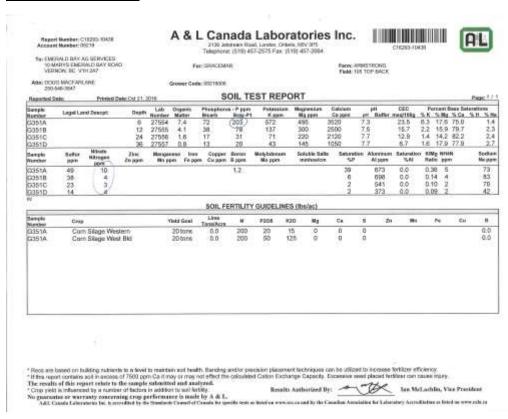
# Field 101 S (Pivot S or road)



## Field 102 (Bottom back)



## Field 105 (Top back)



# Field 201/202 (Reserve, Reserve Pivot)

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G361A		6	18261	7.4	48	(128)	298	390	3220	7.2	21.4	3.6	15.2	75.3	4.8	1.4
G361B		12	18262	3.0	28	53	115	285	2420	7.3	15.1	2.0	15.8	80.3		2.2
G361C		24	18263	1.3	20	32	125	275	2010	7.3	12.9	2.5	17.8	78.1		1.8
G361D		36	18264	0.9	21	34	141	315	2210	7.3	14.2	2.5	18.5	77.8		1.4
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G361A	58	18				1.0			21	773	0,1	0.24	6	70
G361B	37	4							4	902	0.1	0.13	5	75
G381C	27	2							3	718	0.1	0.14	5	54
G361D	16	2							3	601	0.1	0.14	4	47
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sample sumber	Crop	Yield Goal	Lime Tons/Acre	N	P206	K20	Mg .	Ca	3	Zn	Mit	Fe	Cu	п
Sample Sumber 3361A	Com Sitage Western	24 tons	0.0	242	20	20	5	0	D					0.0



<sup>\*</sup> Recs are based on building nutriants to a level to maintain soil health. Banding and/or procision placement techniques can be utilized to increase fertilizer efficiency.

\* If this report contains soil in excess of 7500 ppm Ca it may or may not effect the calculated Catton Exchange Capacity. Excessive seed placed fertilizer can cause injury.

The results of this report relate to the sample submitted and analyzed,

\* Crop yield is influenced by a number of factors in addition to soil fertility.

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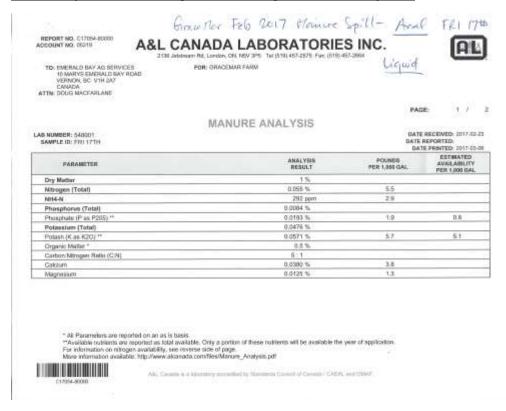
# Appendix 2. Manure analyses – Winter and spring 2017 Lagoon liquid effluent (after pit agitation) March 2017



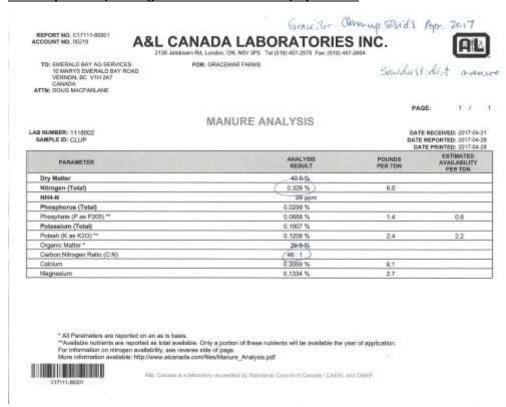
## **Manure solids March 2017**



## Manure liquid (surface of lagoon without agitation) February 2017



## Clean-up solids (shavings:manure:dirt mixture) April 2017



# Appendix 3. Irrigation water quality - 2016

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DATE SAMPLED:NONE GIVEN
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PARAMETER	RESULT	UNIT	DETECTION LIMIT	METHOD REFERENCE
Total Alkalinity	301.0	ug/ml	10.0	Titration
Bicarbonate	301.0	ug/ml	10.0	Titration
Carbonate	BDL*	ug/ml	10.00	Titration
Aluminum	6.08	ug/ml	0.10	ICP
Boron	BDL*	ug/ml	0.02	ICP
Calcium	327.10	ug/ml	0.10	ICP
Beryllium	BDL*	ug/ml	0.02	ICP
Copper	BDL*	ug/mi	0.02	ICP
Iron	10.53	ug/ml	0.10	ICP
Magnesium	60.41	ug/ml	0.10	ICP
Cadmium	BDL*	ug/ml	0.005	ICP
Manganese	0.71	ug/ml	0.02	ICP
Cobalt	BDL*	ug/ml	0.02	ICP
Phosphorus	1.37	ug/ml	0.10	ICP
Chromium	BDL*	ug/ml	0.02	ICP
Potassium	21.97	ug/ml	0.10	ICP
Silicon	12.61	ug/mi	0.10	ICP
Sodium	24.33	ug/ml	0.10	ICP
Sulphur (as SO4)	595.20	ug/ml	0.10	ICP
Zinc	BDL*	ug/ml	0.02	ICP
Conductivity (@ 25 deg C)	1.45	ms/cm	0.02	Conductivity Meter
рН	7.3		0.1	pH Meter
Total Dissolved Solids	940.7	ug/ml	10.0	TDS Meter
Hardness	1065.43	ug/ml	1.00	ICP/Calculation

<sup>\* -</sup> accredited test

BDL - Below detectable levels

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Nickel	BDL*	ug/ml	0.02	ICP
Lead	BDL*	ug/ml	0.01	ICP
Sulphur	198.40	ug/ml	0.10	ICP
Vanadium	BDL*	ug/ml	0.02	ICP
Nitrate - N	BDL*	ug/ml	1.0	Automated Colourimetric
Chloride	41.4	ug/ml	1.0	ISE

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