

## **BEST PRACTICES: AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, FEEDING AREAS AND ACCESS TO WATER**

**Grazing and feeding areas and confined livestock must not cause pollution.**



Seasonal feeding areas for livestock, poultry or farmed game must:

- Have berms if necessary to prevent agricultural waste from causing pollution,
- Include locations for movable feed bunks that are at least 30 metres from high tide watermark, a watercourse or bank of a watercourse and the feeding locations should be distributed throughout the area to prevent the accumulation of manure. Manure must be spread through the area as a fertilizer or soil conditioner.
- Permanent feed bunks may only be used with permission from the Ministry.

Livestock, poultry or farmed game in a confined area must not have access to a water course unless they are in a holding area on range land (maximum three days) and the water course being used for watering is not used for domestic water at downstream locations. Confined livestock areas with more than ten agricultural units must be located at least 30 metres from high tide watermark, a watercourse or bank of a watercourse or any source of water used for domestic purposes.

Agricultural products and raw materials for making mushroom medium or soilless medium must be managed, used and stored in a manner that prevents the escape of agricultural waste that causes pollution.

**Failure to meet any of these individual requirements could result in the imposition of an Administrative Penalty of up to \$40,000.**

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