



Re: Update to Manure Spreading Advisory #3 of 2017: South Coast Region

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Refer to [Manure Spreading Advisory #3](#) of 2017 (Nov 1, 2017) for the current Advisory:

“in general, manure application on any crops is not advised.”

The following Update does not change the Advisory.

During the time of year when manure applications are not advised, thoughts turn to manure storage. Adequate manure storage on the farm allows for manure to be applied when it will provide the best nutrient contribution to crops.

In most regions of B.C., 180 - 200 days should be considered as a minimum amount of time that manure will need to be stored. To assess your current storage or to support any decision to expand your herd it is helpful to determine a total manure storage capacity. This should consider animal numbers, manure handling, contribution of other waste or water to manure, and the desired storage period.

The B.C. Ministry of Agriculture has a factsheet [“Sizing Dairy Manure Storage Structures”](#) to help determine storage capacity.

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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