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Dear Ms. Brekveld

In December 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) released an Environmental Registry of Ontario and Regulatory Registry of Ontario posting on proposed updates to Table 1 and Table 2 of the Nutrient Management Tables, which are incorporated by reference into O. Reg 267/03 made under the *Nutrient Management Act, 2002*. The goal of the proposed updates was to ensure that the values in the Tables remain up-to-date and reflect current industry practices. The information found in these Tables is based on many years of ongoing research and on-farm data collection by OMAFRA and others, including livestock commodity organizations. By keeping values current, it avoids significant changes all at once.

These postings closed on February 2, 2023, and, based on the comments and general support for the changes received during the postings, OMAFRA and MECP have updated the Tables as they were originally proposed. By updating the Tables, farmers will have more accurate values for AgriSuite manure storage calculations for their operations and they will be able to apply manure more accurately in a manner that meets crop needs and protects the environment.

A Decision Notice of the amendments to the Tables was posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario on May 2, 2023, and the updated Tables are now in effect. The updated Tables will be posted on Ontario.ca at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/nutrient-management-regulation-guides-protocols-and-tables> as soon as possible. These changes may impact operations that have Nutrient Management Strategies (NMSs) currently in the approval process using the 2015 numbers. Where necessary OMAFRA will assist operators to incorporate the new numbers in a timely manner to ensure any delays while issuing approvals are minimized.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Wilson, Nutrient Management Program Lead at 519-533-7638 matt.wilson@ontario.ca



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Thank you for your ongoing work to ensure a sustainable and prosperous agri-food sector in Ontario.

Sincerely,

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Cc – Cathy Lennon, General Manager, OFA