

**NOP STAFF DRAFT  
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§ 205.204 Nutrient management.

(a) A nutrient management plan that is part of the overall organic plan must be implemented in order to:

- (1) Budget and supply nutrients for plant production;
- (2) Maintain or improve the physical, chemical and biological condition of soil;
- (3) Properly utilize manure or organic by-products as a plant nutrient source;
- (4) Minimize agricultural nonpoint source pollution of surface and ground water resources; and
- (5) Prevent contamination of water by nitrates and bacteria, including human pathogens.

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