

Roles and Responsibilities of Government in Agriculture	
<b>Federal</b>	<p><b>U.S. Department of Agriculture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) – technical assistance for “swampbuster,” “sodbuster,” and highly erodible land determinations; provides benefits for farmers in compliance with these laws.</li> <li>• Farm Services Agency (FSA) – provides map for highly erodible land determination; provides benefits to those in compliance with erodible land determinations.</li> </ul> <p><b>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) – registration of pesticides; enforcing banned pesticide laws.</li> </ul>
<b>State</b>	<p><b>Minnesota Department of Agriculture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nutrient Management Plan – develops guidelines for nutrient management; develops guidelines for soil amendments.</li> <li>• Pesticide Applicators – provides training, guidance, and licensing for commercial and private pesticide applicators.</li> <li>• FIFRA delegation of pesticide registration – registering pesticides that will be used in Minnesota</li> <li>• Pollinator protection – developing BMPs for protecting pollinators.</li> <li>• Technical and financial assistance – provides information, current research, recommendations, and funding options for agricultural BMPs.</li> <li>• Regulation – regulates use, storage, handling, and disposal of pesticides and fertilizer.</li> </ul> <p><b>Minnesota Pollution Control Agency</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedlot Permits – permit required for feedlots more than 1,000 animal units; enforcement under Minn. Rules Chapter 7020.</li> <li>• Manure Management Plans – required for NPDES-permitted feedlots.</li> </ul> <p><b>Minnesota Board of Animal Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disease Monitoring – surveillance and response to animal diseases and outbreaks; disposal of animal remains.</li> </ul>
<b>Watershed</b>	<p><b>VRWJPO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect through Standards – sets standards for agriculture that protect water quality, groundwater quality, and rate/volume control.</li> <li>• Cooperate with Partners</li> </ul>
<b>County</b>	<p><b>Dakota County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedlot Permits – permits for feedlots 300 to 1,000 animal units; registers feedlots; feedlot inspections. Feedlot permitting is a delegated program of the MPCA which, if not implemented locally reverts to the authority of the MPCA (State).</li> </ul> <p><b>Scott County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedlot Permits – permits for feedlots up to 1,000 animal units; feedlot permitting, inspections under Scott County Zoning Ordinance Chapter 9. . Feedlot permitting is a delegated program of the MPCA which, if not implemented locally reverts to the authority of the MPCA (State).</li> </ul>