

## **Sharing farm data with Cornell University:**

Statement of Nondisclosure and Freedom of Information Law requests.

[Nutrient Management Spear Program](#) (NMSP) and [PRO-DAIRY](#) (PD)

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With more on-farm data being collected, there is an important opportunity for farmer collaboration with the NMSP and PD to support efforts to improve crop yields and nutrient management and thus contribute to improved profitability and competitiveness of New York dairy, livestock, and cash grain operations while maximizing environmental protection.

The NMSP and PD have been working with data provided by many farms, including, among others, yield monitor data, whole farm nutrient mass balance and greenhouse gas emission information, and individual field nutrient balances.

It is our policy to not identify farm names nor share individual farm data with anyone in any research or extension documents, files, reports, articles or presentations without permission from the individual farm, regardless of the funding source for the effort.

Data from individual farms are aggregated in such a way that protects farm identity while being used to improve nutrient management. The New York Court of Appeals has held that documents concerning Cornell's educational policies and activities, such as research, are excluded from the scope of the New York State Freedom of Information Law (FOIL).