



## **WESTERN LAKE ERIE BASIN MANURE APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**Winter is here in Shelby County. Below is a friendly reminder to all livestock producers applying manure in the Western Lake Erie Basin, per section 939.08 of the Ohio Revised Code – Senate Bill 1.**

**No person in the Western Basin shall surface apply manure under any of the following circumstances:**

- **On snow-covered or frozen ground**
- **When the top two inches of the soil are saturated from precipitation**
- **When the local weather forecast for the application area contains greater than 50% chance precipitation exceeding ½ inch in a 24-hour period.**

**The above rules do not apply if:**

- **The manure is injected into the ground**
- **The manure is incorporated within 24 hours of surface application**
- **The manure is applied onto a growing crop**
- **In the event of an emergency (written consent needed)**

**Reminder from Ohio Department of Agriculture**

- **All complaints require an investigation from ODA or your local SWCD**
- **These rules are being enforced and fines can be issued**
- **Anonymous complaints are taken**
- **Preliminary investigations require pictures to be taken**
- **The individual who conducts the initial investigation will need to speak to the land owner or the one responsible for the manure application**

**For more information or questions please contact Jason Bruns, District Administrator**