

# WHAT'S YOUR STRATEGY?



Lost Nutrients =  
Lost Money!

The *Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy* is a real strategy that will demand you consider your best management practices and make changes that fit your family farm.

## TEST YOUR FARM'S WATER

### Montgomery County



This program was designed to engage farmers in the nutrient and water quality issues facing agriculture by providing information on possible nutrient losses from their production operations. These results are simply a snapshot in time of ambient nutrient levels in water collected from tile drainage, surface runoff or nearby streams. Nutrient levels in runoff water can vary greatly depending on the time of year, temperature, rainfall and in-field practices.

#### Sampling Instructions

- ❖ Sample containers should be clean and free of any residual chemicals or detergents.
- ❖ Samples need to be at least 8 ounces.
- ❖ Samples should be taken as close to the testing time as possible (preferably within 48hrs) and be kept refrigerated if not being tested immediately.
- ❖ An estimate of flow will allow additional calculations (load in lbs/day) – simply record seconds it takes to fill up a bucket with a known volume.

*Free, confidential water testing*

**Open House: Second Thursday of  
the Month from 8am-4:30 pm**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>**

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