



## Snyder County Conservation District

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### **Conservation District Helps Farmers & Water Quality with Late Season Cornstalk Nitrate Testing**

The Snyder County Conservation District offered a service for farmers that sampled corn fields in determining whether they had too little, too much or enough nitrogen for corn growth. Two-hundred sixty-nine acres (and nineteen test kits) were tested this year.

A Conservation District technician first asked interested farmers about their manure and fertilizer application history. The technician then visited the corn fields to cut corn stalk sections for analysis. Afterwards, cornstalk samples were cut into smaller pieces and shipped to Penn State for testing. Interested farmers paid \$10.00 to the Conservation District for each test kit mailed to Penn State. Test results were sent to the farmer.



This service was funded in part by the Chesapeake Bay Program's Special Project grant from the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Additional information about late season cornstalk nitrate testing can be found on the [Penn State Agricultural Analytical Lab's web site on the subject](#). For more information about other programs offered by the Conservation District, contact [us](#) at 570-837-3000.

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