

Instructions for Installing and Using Mid West Plan Service and NRCS 2008 Animal Data

MMP currently uses Mid West Plan Service (MWPS) data to estimate manure production and AWM uses NRCS 2008 data which is more accurate. However I now have NRCS 2008 data for MMP (attached). So this eliminates the need to run AWM unless you have large feed lots or a train of manure such as in large dairy operations. AWM still does a better job estimating runoff from feedlots and where large amounts of bedding are used.

MMP used a file called “oh.mmi” that resides in the “Lookup” directory of MMP. What you will need to do is copy the attached “oh.mmi” file into that directory. It should be...

C:\Program Files\MMP 0.3x\Lookup

The “Lookup” directory is created when you download the MMP software from the Purdue MMP site. Whatever data set is named “oh.mmi” and copied into the Lookup directory is the data set that MMP will run next time you use it.

Be cautioned however... if you load a different data set MMP will automatically change the data from previous plans that you call back up in MMP because it will recalculate the manure produced based on the new animal data. If you ever want to go back to your MWPS data set I have also included that file. You will have to rename it “oh.mmi” and copy it into the Lookup directory as I explained above and it will over write the NRCS data.

If you are comfortable copying and renaming files you can change the data set at will by renaming whichever data set you want to use to “oh.mmi” and copying that file into the “Lookup” directory. For that reason both data sets are included so that you can keep separately (I keep them in a directory I created off of MMP called “animal data” then I can use whichever data set I want. If you are not comfortable doing that then just copy the attached “oh.mmi” data file into the “Lookup” directory and forget it. That is the data set we are recommending and should all but eliminate the need to use AWM. If you download a new version of MMP you will need to recopy this file into the Lookup directory of the new program because the default data set that comes with MMP is the MWPS data and not the NRCS 2008 data.