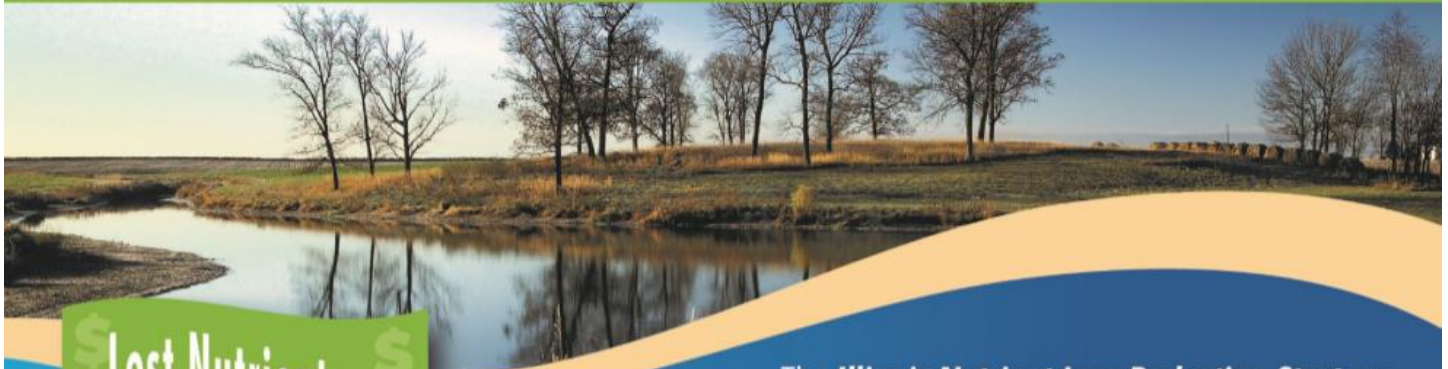


# WHAT'S YOUR STRATEGY?



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

DeKalb County  
Area



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. You can freeze your sample if it is going to be longer than 48 hours before testing.
- ❖ 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  
beginning April 26<sup>th</sup>*

**Open House 9-11 a.m.**

**Dates Established for DeKalb County**

April 26, May 3, May 24, May 31 June 21,  
June 28, July 5, August 2, August 23, August 30  
September 20, September 27, October 18, and  
October 25, 2016.

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