



# OACI

Ohio Agriculture Conservation Initiative



# Who We Are



**The Ohio Agriculture Conservation Initiative (OACI) is an innovative, collaborative effort of the agricultural, conservation, environmental and research communities to improve water quality by establishing a baseline understanding of current conservation and nutrient management efforts and building farmer participation in a new certification program.**

# Membership



## FARMER PROFILE

Coordinated with OACI members, Ohio farmers, university researchers and ODA staff to align relevant information and framework for **farmer profile**

- Download the OACI app in the Google Play or Apple Store OR by going to [www.ohioaci.org](http://www.ohioaci.org)
- Administered by Ohio Federation of SWCDs and can be easily filled out by the farmer
- Simple registration process – should take less than 5 mins
- Nearly 3,000 farmer profiles created to-date

## CERTIFICATION

Once the farmer profile is complete, the producer can complete **certification**

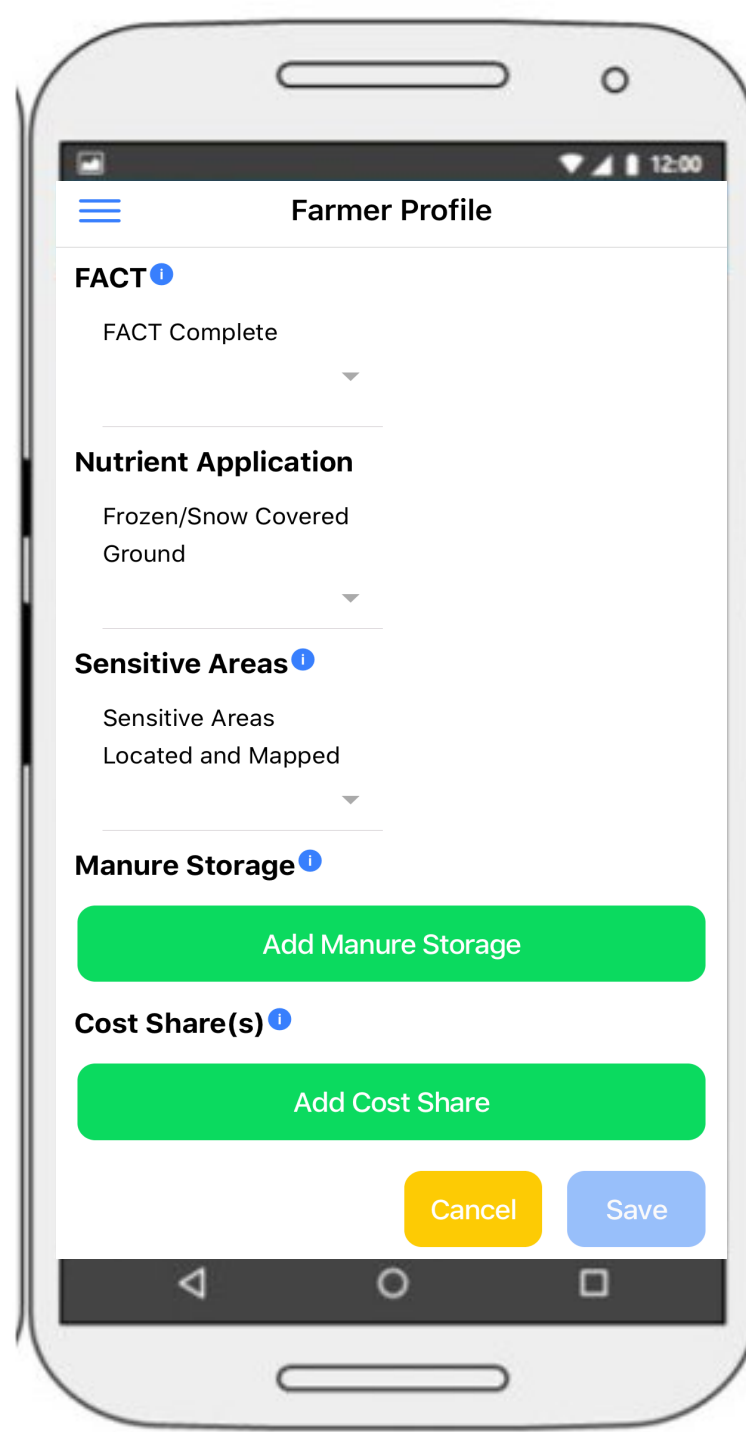
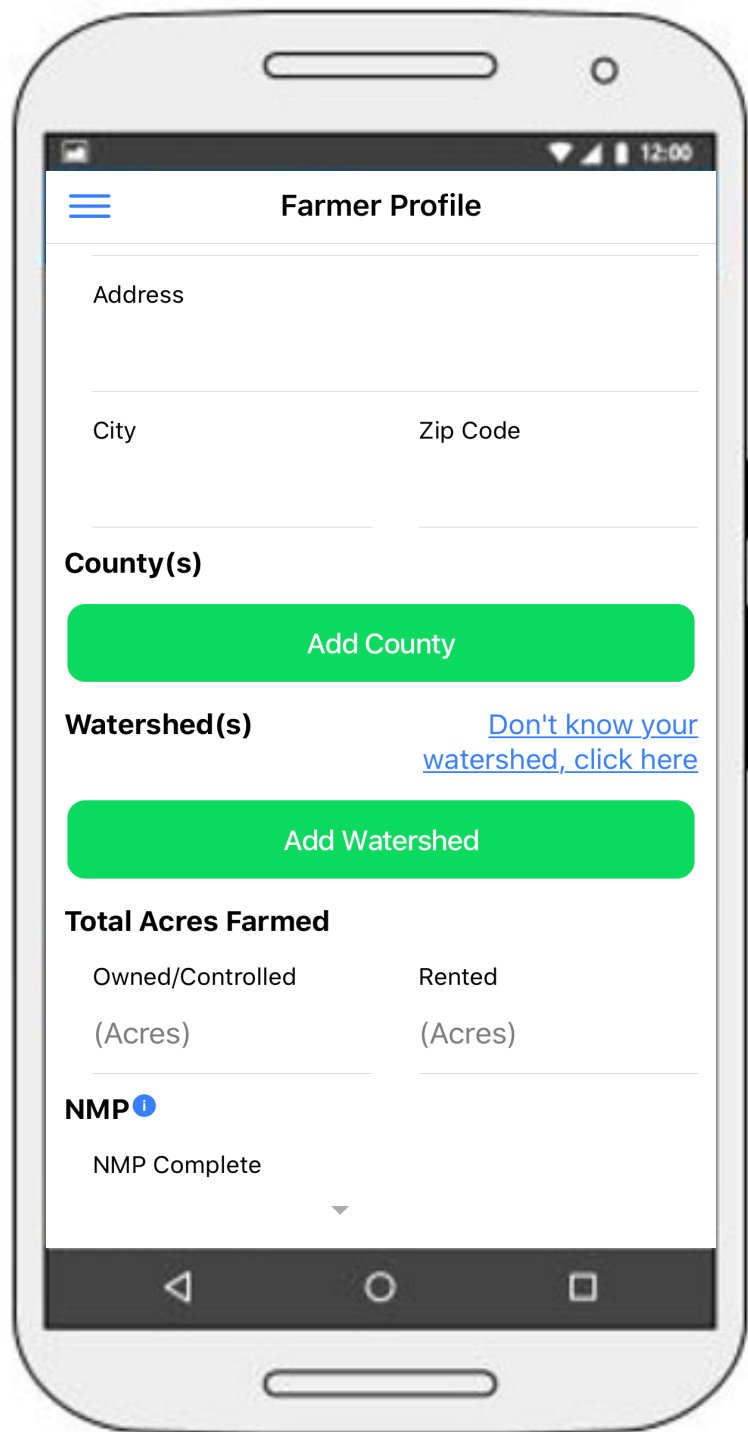
- Also done easily through the app and completed in a matter of minutes
- Producers get a percentage score out of 200 points
- In most cases, farmers who are following their VNMP will receive a score of 63% or higher
- Scores below 63% will see a 'Needs Improvement' message and can explore ways to increase their score by climbing the conservation ladder
- Regardless of the score, completion of the certification process will satisfy the OACI requirement for H2Ohio

# Farmer Profile – SNAPSHOT



Provides an overview of the entire operation **including** acres outside of H2Ohio

- General information, county, watershed
- TOTAL acres farmed & acres per crop
- Nutrient information – fertilizer, manure, biosolids, other
- NMP complete, Fertilizer license and date if completed, Frozen/Snow covered application and if Sensitive areas have been located, Manure storage capacity if applicable (Where there is a [blue](#) circle with an ‘i’ on it, you can click on it for more explanation)
- Current cost share sources (EQIP, CSP, CREP, etc.)



# Certification



- Participants will be evaluated in the following categories: Soil Testing, Nutrient Application, Nutrient Placement, In-Field Management and Structural Practices
- Participant will record the number of acres involved in each scoring category on both rented and owned acres
- Participant will be given a score for each category and an aggregated overall score
- This score will identify areas of excellence and improvement, providing a blueprint for potential local, state and/or federal programs to help the producer climb the conservation ladder

☰ Certification

## Soil Test Frequency

Add number of acres that apply to each section

Owned Owned Acres: 100

Requirement	Acres
I don't know	<input type="text"/>
No Soil Test	<input type="text"/>
More than 4 years	<input type="text"/>
3-4 years	<input type="text"/>
Every 2 years	<input type="text"/>

Rented Rented Acres: 100

Requirement	Acres
I don't know	<input type="text"/>
No Soil Test	<input type="text"/>
More than 4 years	<input type="text"/>

☰ Certification

## Tillage

Add number of acres that apply to each section

Corn Acres: 200

Requirement	Acres
<b>Conventional Till (min. residue, 6-12 in. deep till)</b>	
Corn <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Conservation Till (over 30% residue, 1-6 in. deep till)</b>	
Corn <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Strip-till (less than 6 in. wide)</b>	
Corn <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>No-till</b>	
Corn <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

## Cover Crops

☰ Certification

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Add number of acres that apply to each section

Owned Owned Acres: 100

Requirement	Acres
No-cover crop	<input type="text"/>
100% Winter Kill	<input type="text"/>
Overwintering Mix	<input type="text"/>
Fall Seeded Grain	<input type="text"/>
Hay/Alfafa	<input type="text"/>

Rented Rented Acres: 100

Requirement	Acres
No-cover crop	<input type="text"/>
100% Winter Kill	<input type="text"/>
Overwintering Mix	<input type="text"/>
Fall Seeded Grain	<input type="text"/>



# Congratulations! You are now certified. You have passed with a score of 170.17/200

Certification passing score must be (126/200) or higher.

For further details on your score select the ^ to expand the section.



✓ Soil Test Frequency	(32/40)
Soil Testing Frequency	32 / 40
✓ Soil Test Intensity	(40/40)
Soil Test Intensity	40 / 40
✓ Nutrient Application RATE	(30/40)
Manure Application Recommendation	N/A
Biosolids Application Recommendation	N/A
Other Organic Nutrient Sources	N/A
Commerical Phosphorus Fertilizer Recommendations	33.33 / 40
Commerical Nitrogen Fertilizer Recommendations	26.67 / 40
✓ Nutrient Application PLACEMENT	(22.5/30)

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