

# Looks Can Be Deceiving



**GOOD FARM MANAGEMENT** is not always easy to spot. Maryland requires farmers to stockpile poultry manure over the winter to conserve its valuable nutrients and protect the Chesapeake Bay from runoff. Stockpiles are shaped to “crust over” and shed water when exposed to rain and snow. This protects the manure from rainwater runoff until it can be safely recycled as a crop fertilizer in the spring.

Don't let looks deceive you. Learn more.



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