Drainage Water Management Guide

Guide to drainage water management, helping farmers plan control structures, water level timing and records for fields with subsurface drainage. Work through the steps in order and keep notes on what you find along the way.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Map the drainage system and outlets
2. Identify fields that can use control structures
3. Review local guidance and permits
4. Plan water level settings by season
5. Set up a schedule for changes
6. Check structures after storms
7. Record water levels and dates
8. Review crop and water quality results

YOUR NOTES

TIP Check with your local conservation office on permits and design help before changing any drainage structure.