



REMINDER: PY26 PAY RATES FOR MODULE TO END JULY 1, 2026

The incentivized rate to start using the Online Plan Writing System (Module) will be ending July 1, 2026. Other pay rates will remain the same. But if you've been thinking about getting into the Module now is the time get started!

FALL SEASON ENDING FOR PLAN START DATES

A reminder on plan dating for the Direct Pay Program. Due to the nature of the Direct Pay Program's involvement with the DCR's Finance Department we are no longer accepting plans dated from Fall 2025.

There has been a grace period, March 1-15, since the start of the Spring planning season, but that has now ended. We can still approve plans that show Fall 2025 crops in them so long as there are no nutrient recommendations for that period, since those can no longer be considered "recommendations". Cover crops from last Fall are still OK to include in a submitted plan. But for the Direct Pay contract, we would need to see 3-years of actual recommendations from Spring 2026 going forward. We will be applying the same approach in June, September, and December.

For planning purposes, the following months are correlated to each season.

Spring: March, April, and May. **Summer:** June, July, and August. **Fall:**

September, October, and November. **Winter:** December, January, and February.

Information on plan dating can be found in the NM Direct Pay Specifications Guideline July 2025 on the website or at this link: www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/document/nm-directpay-manual-specs-payment-schedule.pdf. A brief summary of the information is below.

Completed first year plans cannot have recommendations outside of one (1) previous cropping season. a. Example: A plan submitted January 1, 2025 cannot have recommendations prior to October 1, 2024. 3. Completed plans for year 2 and year 3 contracts are expected to be submitted within the same season as previous years. a. Example: if the year 1 plan was submitted in March year 2 and year 3 updates are expected approximately January- March of the subsequent years. b. If you are unable to meet this timeframe, contact <mailto:vanmplnr@dcr.virginia.gov>. If contact is not made, funding can be withdrawn, and you will need to submit an updated Farmer Consent form and an updated plan to request funding.

STAFF CHANGES

There are staff changes coming to the Direct Pay Program! On March 25, 2026 Joe Tesaureo will be starting a new position in the DCR. He will be joining the data services team as the Business System Analyst. While we will miss Joe here at Direct Pay, we're very excited about this new opportunity and the great things he will accomplish! Please continue to submit plans in the usual method but starting on the 25th contact Steph Dawley, stephanie.dawley@dcr.virginia.gov, with program/plan review questions.

DIRECT PAY DIRECTORY

With the recent influx of planners joining Direct Pay we're in the process of updating our directory. A directory for planners wanting to advertise their services withing DCR's Direct Pay Program is on the [website](#). If you are not listed in the directory and wish to be please fill out the form attached to this newsletter. Return that to vanmplnr@dcr.virginia.gov by **Monday, April 13, 2026** and we will update it with you information.

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If you would like to be included in the directory, please indicate so in the box below and complete the information below.

I want to be listed in this directory as an active plan writer at this time.

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Full Name: _____

Name:	
Business Name (if applicable):	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Best time to call:	
E-Mail Address:	
Area: (geographic region or counties)	