

Manure Systems Definitions

Solid Manure System

Vast majority (> 90%) of excreted manure will be maintained in a form that can be handled with a front-end loader and stacked without seepage under normal operating conditions. Example systems include floor-raised poultry, deep-bedded housing systems, and drylots.

Semi-Solid or Combination System

Default category for systems that do not fit the description of a solid or liquid manure system. Potential example systems include dairies having multiple types of housing and/or significant separation of solids prior to long-term storage, modestly bedded facilities, and multi-species operations.

Liquid Manure System

Vast majority (> 90%) of excreted manure will be stored in a form that – with or without agitation/mixing – can be handled with a common centrifugal pump under normal operating conditions. Example systems include slatted-floor facilities and facilities where manure can be transferred via gravity.