

# Stop and Smell the Flowers



**BUT NOT JUST YET.** If you live in farm country, you may notice another scent. That's because farmers have begun spreading manure on their fields ahead of spring planting.

To protect local streams, livestock farmers store manure over the winter. In March, they use the stored manure to fertilize their fields and improve their soil's health, following state guidelines.

It can get a little smelly, but it won't last long. After all, today's manure grows tomorrow's flowers. Learn more.



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