

# SnapPlus

Wisconsin's Nutrient Management Software

## Basic Concepts

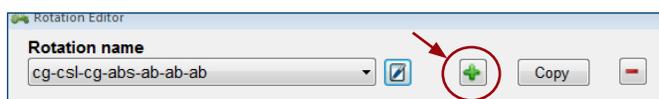
### Entering Data using the Rotation Wizard:

The Rotation Wizard is a tool in SnapPlus that can help you save time by entering data for multiple years and crops. Before working with the wizard, go to **File** and click on **Save Snapshot**. Then if you make a mistake using the wizard, you can click on **Revert to Last Snapshot** to return to your original file.

1. Open the **Rotation Wizard** either from the Cropping Screen or from the Tools menu.
2. You are in **Step 1** of the Rotation Wizard. Use the default selection-Add crop or application data to fields. Click **Next**.
3. You are in **Step 2** of the Rotation Wizard. Select **Edit Rotation**. You are now in the Rotation Editor.

Quick Note: A good method for naming is to use crop abbreviations, for example cg-csl-cg-abs-ab-ab-ab. Using the correct abbreviations will automatically fill-in the crop names in the next step. To access the abbreviations list, click on **Crop Abbreviations** and make note of the crops in your rotation.

4. Click on the **plus sign icon** to create a new rotation.



A naming dialog box will open where you can type the name of the new rotation. Once named, it can be edited, copied, renamed or deleted.

5. If you used the crop abbreviations, the table will be filled in (go to the step 6).

If not, just click on the **plus sign icon** under Rotation Years to add a line to the table, then select the crop from the dropdown

Year	Crop	Yield goal	Tillage	Irrigated
1	Corn grain	151-170	No Till	
2	Corn silage	20.1-25	Fall Chisel, no disk	

menu. Continue until all the years of the rotation are completed. If the desired crops aren't listed, then you must go back to the Farm Screen to select them for your farm.

6. Use the dropdown menus to fill in Yield Goal and Tillage for each year of the rotation. Also, check the Irrigated box if appropriate.

Tillage explanations can be found in the SnapPlus Help by clicking on the and searching for tillage. Or consult the **SnapPlus Fast Facts** publications available from the information at the bottom of the page.

7. To add nutrient applications, select a year in the top table, then click on the **plus sign icon** below and use the dropdown menus to fill in each cells of that row. Repeat for each year of the rotation. Click **Close**.

Nutrient class	Source name	Season	Spread method	Rate	Units
Grazing	Graze	Grazing	Grazing	6.5	tons/acre
Manure/Biosolid	Pit Manure	Fall	Unincorporated	10,000	gals/acre

One suggestion for making your fertilizer plan easier to implement is to enter only manure applications during this step. Once the on-farm nutrients are entered, you will be able to view the adjusted UW recommendations and add Fertilizer applications accordingly.

8. You are back in **Step 2** of the Rotation Wizard. Choose the fields (or groups or subfarms) that will use the new rotation and move them to the box on the right. Click **Next**.

Unselected 3	Selected 3
08	11
09	12
10	13

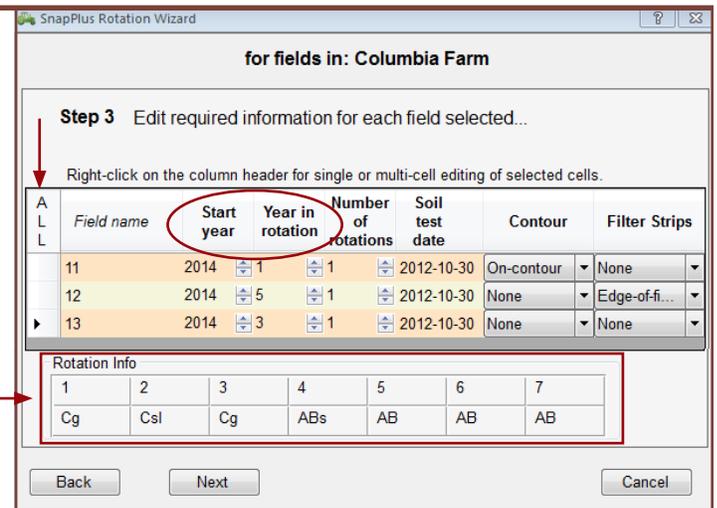
9. You are now in Step 3 of the Rotation Wizard

Your goal in this step is to tell the program where each field is in the rotation in the given year. You also have the opportunity to identify fields that are farmed on the contour, strip-cropped or have filter strips.

Use the dropdown menus along with the **Rotation Info** at the bottom of the dialog box. Fill in the information for each field row, making sure to set the Start Year and Year in Rotation. When completed, click **Next**.

To change multiple rows within a column at one time, select ALL until the grid is blue. Then left click on the column header and select value to change all rows.

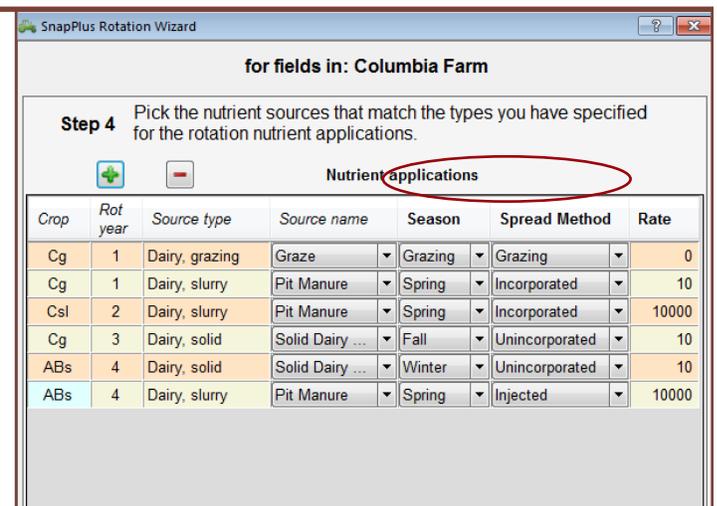
For rotations with alfalfa, we recommend that the start year goes back two growing seasons for carry-over legume credits. So if you are planning for 2015, then start your rotation in 2013 to account for any legumes grown two years prior. For rotations with soybean, go back one year to account for the legume credit.



10. You are in Step 4 of the Rotation Wizard

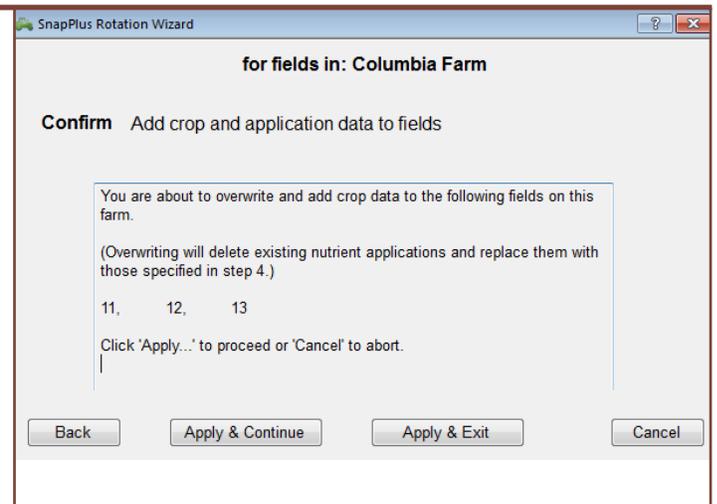
This step allows you to make adjustments to applications pre-assigned to each cropping year, or you can delete them as needed.

Use the dropdown menus to select the Season and Spread Method for the nutrient applications listed. Use the **plus sign or minus icon to add or delete applications**. When completed, click **Next**.



11. You are in the Confirm step of the Rotation Wizard

Review the information listed to confirm if it's correct. If so, Click on **Apply & Continue** if you want to stay in the Wizard or **Apply & Exit** to return to the main screen. If you would like to make edits, click on **Back**.



*To learn more about the Rotation Wizard or view other SnapPlus videos, go to:*

[snapplus.wisc.edu/news-help/how-to-videos](http://snapplus.wisc.edu/news-help/how-to-videos)