



2012 County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) Investment Area Guidelines: CATTLE HANDLING

Introduction

This document provides eligible investments and is considered to be the standard by which this investment area is to be implemented.

Funded participants shall adhere to all local, state, and federal rules and regulations.

Questions concerning these guidelines should be directed to the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 564-4627. Applications to administer CAIP must be directed through the local County Agricultural Development Council(s).

A. Handling Facilities and Equipment for Beef Cattle

Prerequisites:

- Minimum herd size: 10 mature cows (Average herd size in KY is 26), or backgrounding 35 cattle.
- Applicant must be Kentucky Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certified before funding is received.

COST SHARE ITEMS:

1. **Commercial headgate**
2. **Holding chute**
3. **Squeeze**
4. **Curved or offset working chute**
5. **Crowding tub and gate**
6. **Gates and corral panels**
7. **Loading chute**
8. **Scale**
9. **Flooring:** Gravel, filter fabric, concrete and contracted site preparation
10. **Creep gate, creep feeder, mineral feeder**
11. **Renovation of existing beef barns** or existing tobacco barns into beef facilities
12. **Construction of new beef facilities** where no buildings exist for renovation, including contracted site preparation
13. **Animal waste handling and distribution equipment** (excluding motorized vehicles)
14. **Feed ways, forage mixers, feeding equipment systems, automatic waterers**

15. **Temporary or Permanent Shade (exclude trees) – material costs** necessary for construction of temporary or permanent shade for cattle

B. Secure Lot or Pen for Mature Beef Bulls

Prerequisites:

- Minimum herd size: 10 mature cows (Average herd size in KY is 26).
- Applicant must become Kentucky Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certified before funding is received.

COST SHARE ITEMS:

1. **Fences:** Posts, 2 x 6 planks, 2 ½ inch pipe rails
2. **Bull or Heavy Duty Gates**
3. **Waterers**
4. **Feed bunk/trough**
5. **Flooring:** Gravel, filter fabric, concrete and contracted site preparation

C. Pens for weaning/receiving calves

This program is for constructing weaning and/or receiving calf pens. These funds shall not be used for building perimeter fences. In order to qualify for funding, location and design of the lot shall be consistent with the producer's Agricultural Water Quality Plans.

Prerequisites:

- Minimum herd size: 10 mature cows (Average herd size in KY is 26), or backgrounding 35 cattle.
- The producer should have a minimum working facility, such as crowding pen, working chute, holding chute, and headgate, before he applies for the weaning calves program.
- Applicant must become Kentucky Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certified before funding is received.

COST SHARE ITEMS:

1. **Fences:** Posts and 2 x 6 planks.
2. **Bull or Heavy Duty Gates**
3. **Waterers**
4. **Feed bunk/trough**
5. **Flooring:** Gravel, filter fabric, concrete and contracted site preparation

D. Handling Facilities and Equipment for Dairy Cattle

Prerequisites:

- Minimum herd size: 40 head

COST SHARE ITEMS:

1. Commercial headgate
2. Holding chute
3. Headlock stanchions
4. Catch lanes
5. Management rails
6. Gates for sorting and holding pens
7. Treatment stall
8. Treatment pens
9. Loading chute
10. Hoof trimming table or chute
11. Scale
12. Temporary or Permanent Shade (exclude trees) – material costs necessary for the construction of temporary or permanent shade for cattle

E. On-farm Composting:

COST SHARE ITEMS:

1. Materials to create impermeable surface (e.g. concrete, soil-cement)
2. Site preparation
3. Documented hired labor
4. Equipment rental

For on-farm composting, the following also apply:

- Producers that have been approved for cost-share assistance by the Kentucky Division of Conservation for "KWP8 - On-Farm Fallen Animal Composting" are not eligible
- Producer shall be permitted by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KAR 302 20:052) before funds will be disbursed
- Producers shall provide a copy of permit and picture of site for documentation prior to receiving funds