2014 County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP)

Investment Area Guidelines: FORAGE & GRAIN IMPROVEMENT

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).

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

A. Forage, Pasture and Grain Production

Prerequisites:

- Only Certified, Plant Variety Protected (PVP) or Proprietary varieties will be acceptable for cost-share (see list of approved varieties).

  In addition, these varieties should have documented performance in university trials such as those conducted by the UK College of Agriculture. Other varieties will be considered with documentation of performance upon written request to UK through the County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources.
- The variety must be specified on the receipt.
- **A soil test**, taken within the last 12 months, shall be conducted and recommendations followed prior to lime or seed application.
- **Clover:** If soil pH is below 5.0, then clover seeding should be delayed by 6 months after lime application. **Alfalfa:** If soil pH is below 5.5, then seeding must be delayed by one year after limestone application.

Eligible Cost-share Items:

1. **Forage/Pasture Seed**: Only varieties specified in the Seed List (Appendix A) are eligible for cost-share.
   a. **Clover – red and white**
   b. **Alfalfa**
   c. **Summer Perennial Forages**
      i. Bermuda grass
      ii. Big Bluestem
      iii. Eastern Gamma Grass
      iv. Caucasian Bluestem
   d. **Cool Season Forages**
      i. Endophyte-free Fescue
      ii. Kentucky Bluegrass
      iii. Novel Endophyte Fescue
      iv. Orchardgrass
      v. Timothy
      vi. Festulolium

e. **Other Crops** for FORAGE and GRAZING purposes only

i. Corn (less than 10 acres)

ii. Wheat

iii. Rye

iv. Ryegrass

v. Oats

vi. Soybean (forage beans only)

vii. Brassicas (i.e. turnips)

2. Limestone based on a soil test taken within the past 12 months and prior to lime application for forage, pasture or grain production.
3. Inoculants
4. Specialized spraying equipment (not self-propelled)
5. Custom Seeding
6. Rental of no-till drill or pasture renovator
7. Rental of land clearing equipment or custom land clearing services.

Note: Participants intending to use this cost-share item who also participate in USDA programs should contact FSA to ensure compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation Compliance, which is required for USDA program compliance. FSA will forward requests to NRCS for evaluation.

Exclusions / Limitations:

- Soil test must be followed, but cost-share is not allowed on fertilizer or soil amendments, other than limestone.

- Only labor provided through a custom seeding service is eligible for reimbursement, labor for using rental equipment is not reimbursable.

B. Commodity Handling and Forage Equipment

Prerequisites:

- Commodity Handling & Forage Equipment recipients are required to retain ownership and maintenance of equipment for at least five years.

- Producers shall retain adequate insurance coverage to replace any and all equipment funded through this program.

Eligible Cost-share Items:

1. Concrete/portable feed bunks
2. Elevators and Augers
3. Front end loader and/or attachments
4. Bale accumulators
5. Bale kickers
6. Bale wrappers/Forage Baggers

7. Hay applicator systems

(B. Commodity Handling & Forage Equipment, cont.)

8. Hay forks, hay spears
9. Hay rings
10. Hay unroller attachment
11. Mechanical bale loaders
12. Retro-fitting balers for netting systems
13. Scissor lift

Exclusions:

- Self-propelled vehicles/equipment are not eligible for cost-share, including but not limited to tractors, trucks, all terrain vehicles, skid steers, etc.

Appendix A: Seed Varieties

(Updated as necessary)

Varieties of approved species (see A. 1.) are updated by UK Agronomy as requested or new varieties are shown to meet UK's performance standards.

Visit http://agpolicy.ky.gov/funds/documents/forage_seedlist.pdf for the most up-to-date list of seed varieties eligible for use with this program.