



2012 County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) Investment Area Guidelines: FARM STRUCTURE & COMMODITY 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. Hay and Straw Storage

1. Materials and construction of permanent hay sheds, pole barn or Quonset hut (hoop structures) type hay/straw storage facilities.
2. Materials necessary to convert/retrofit existing structures for the sole purpose of hay/straw storage.
3. Documented hired labor is eligible.
4. Contracted site preparation and equipment rental

IMPORTANT: Hay and straw storage facilities must be used to store hay and straw only. Recipients of Agricultural Development Funds are required to retain ownership of facilities and equipment for at least five years.

B. Commodity Handling and Forage Equipment

COST SHARE ITEMS (non-motorized):

- * Bale accumulators
- * Bale kickers
- * Bale wrappers/Forage Baggers
- * Concrete/portable feed bunks
- * Elevators and Augers
- * Front end loader and/or attachments
- * Hay applicator systems
- * Hay forks, hay spears
- * Hay rings
- * Hay unroller attachment
- * Mechanical bale loaders
- * Retro-fitting balers for netting systems
- * Scissor lift

IMPORTANT: Commodity Handling Equipment recipients of Agricultural Development Funds are required to retain ownership and maintenance of equipment for at least five years.

C. Commodity Storage

1. Purchase of new or used grain or feed bins.
2. Repair, upgrade or modernization of existing grain or feed bins.
3. Repair, upgrade or modernization of drying and handling equipment that will increase efficiency, improve quality and/or add value to the grain.
4. Materials to construct/convert/retrofit a commodity storage facility.