



2011 County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) Investment Area Guidelines: FARMLAND IMPROVEMENT & UTILIZATION

Introduction

This document provides eligible investments and is considered to be the standards 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. Forage/Pasture Development

Only certified, PVP or proprietary forage varieties will be eligible for cost share. 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.

Prerequisites:

- **A soil test**, taken within the last 12 months, fertilizer and lime applications must be based on the recommendations.
- Only Certified or Plant Variety Protected or Proprietary varieties will be acceptable (see list of approved varieties attached).
- The variety must be specified on the receipt.
- **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.
- Cost-share is based on receipts from vendors.

Cost-share Items:

1. **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

(1. Seed, d. Cool Season Forages, cont.)

- iv. Orchardgrass
- v. Timothy
- vi. Festulolium

e. Other Crops for FORAGE & 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 & prior to lime application.
- 3. **Inoculants**
- 4. **Animal waste handling and distribution equipment** (excluding motorized vehicles)
- 5. **Fertilizer and soil amendments*** applied based on the soil test for the following:
 - a. **Establishment or Renovation of legumes in existing pastures**
 - b. **Establishment of other perennial forage crops**

** This cost-share item will only be available for 2011 to assist producers who have lost pastures, due to unfavorable weather conditions in the last year.*

B. Pasture / Grain Improvement

Prerequisites:

- **A soil test**, taken within the last 12 months, lime application must be based on the soil test recommendation.
- Cost-share is on limestone only, based on receipts from vendors.

COST SHARE ITEMS:

- 1. **Limestone** based on a soil test taken within the past 12 months & prior to lime application.
- 2. **Specialized spraying equipment** (not self-propelled)
- 3. **Fertilizer and soil amendments*** applied based on the soil test only for the following:
 - **Establishment or Renovation of legumes in existing pastures**
 - **Establishment of other perennial forage crops**

** This cost-share item will only be available for 2011 to assist producers who have lost pastures, due to unfavorable weather conditions in the last year.*

C. Filter Fabric Pads for Heavy Use Areas

Material costs associated with development of filter fabric pads for improved surface drainage under bales and in heavy use areas. (excludes motorized vehicles)

D. Subsurface Drainage (Tiling)

Material costs necessary for the installation of subsurface drainage systems for improved soil drainage. (excludes motorized vehicles)

E. Seeding: Custom Services & Rental of Equipment

Prerequisites:

- For rental of seeding equipment, reimbursement will not exceed 50% of the rental cost of said equipment.
- Only labor provided through a custom seeding service is eligible for reimbursement, labor for using rental equipment is not reimbursable.

Rental of a no-till drill or pasture renovator is eligible for reimbursement on a cost-share basis.

APPENDIX A: Seed Varieties

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.