



## FARM STRUCTURE & COMMODITY HANDLING INVESTMENT AREA

Formerly “Hay, Straw, & Commodity Storage”  
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This document provides eligible investments and is considered to be the standards by which an investment area is to be implemented.

Producers shall receive cost-share fund reimbursement of 100% at completion of project, not 90% - 10% as previously offered.

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. Application for funds must be directed through the local County Agricultural Development Council(s).

### I. Eligible Cost Share Items

#### A. Hay & 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.

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

#### B. Commodity Handling Equipment

##### **COST SHARE ITEMS (non-motorized)**

- \* Bale accumulators
- \* Bale kickers
- \* Bale wrappers/Forage Baggers
- \* Concrete/portable feed bunks
- \* Elevators & Augers
- \* Front end loader &/or attachments
- \* Hay forks
- \* Hay rings
- \* Hay spears

\* Mechanical bale loaders

\* 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.