



## **CATTLE HANDLING INVESTMENT AREA**

Formerly “Cattle Handling Facilities”  
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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.

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. 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 become 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.
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
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 Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certified before funding is received.

### **COST SHARE ITEMS**

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

## **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 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.

## **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