

Maximum points per question are designated in RED and in parentheses at the end of each question. You must be able to verify your responses to each question. If you cannot provide verification when asked, then you will forfeit points for that question.

County Agricultural Investment Program 2018 Producer Application SAMPLE



- All answers provided shall be based on the individual applicant applying for CAIP funds.
- Applicant may be asked to verify responses and/or provide supporting documentation.
- All applicants must be 18 years or older at time of application.

Applicants are **only** eligible to receive funds in one of the following programs per program year;
CAIP, Next Generation Beginning Farmer or Youth Agricultural Incentive Program

PLEASE DETACH PRODUCER GUIDELINES. DO NOT SUBMIT WITH APPLICATION.

Applicant Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____

SSN _____
(REQUIRED)

Mailing Address _____
(Street)

(City, State Zip)

Email Address _____

Home # (_____) _____ - _____ Cell # (_____) _____ - _____

Farm Information

Farm Serial Number (FSN) _____
(REQUIRED)

Farm Service Agency Office _____
(Associated County)

COUNTY of FARM _____
(REQUIRED)

Tax ID _____
(For Tax Purposes ONLY)

Farm Name _____

(As listed with the Secretary of State)

Please select if you will be utilizing the above listed Tax ID for the purpose of your 1099. **YES** or **NO**

Farm Address (If different from above) _____
(Street)

(City, State Zip)

Does the FSN listed above span multiple counties? YES or NO (Please circle)
If yes, please list: _____

Farm Information - (Continued)

Will you be applying for CAIP funds in another county? YES or NO (Please circle)

Will anyone else in your household be applying for CAIP funds in this or another county?

If yes, please list name(s) with county:

Name _____ County _____

Name _____ County _____

HOUSEHOLD EXCLUSION

Only **one** individual per household is eligible to receive CAIP funds within a program year. If applicable, proof of residency may be requested to verify that multiple individuals within the same household are not applying.

Are you applying as a tenant farmer? YES or NO (Please circle)

If **yes and approved**, you will be asked to provide an FSA-578 form or a redacted copy of your schedule F AND written approval from the land owner giving you permission to use the owner's FSN and granting access to the cost-share item (for a minimum of five years for capital improvements).

PLEASE NOTE

PROJECT LOCATION

CAIP funds received shall be used for improvements in the **county in which funds are approved**, regardless of the county the Farm Serial Number (FSN) may span.

If your FSN spans multiple counties, you may be asked to provide verification that all projects are located within the county that funds are approved. There are **NO** exceptions to this policy.

Producer Questions

Questions in this section will be verified by your county program administrator for accuracy.

* Answers may be adjusted by the administrator to reflect verified funding information. Points awarded will be for the verified answers.

1. Check which answer **best describes** your past participation statewide in the County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) cost-share funds from 2009 – Present: **(10)**

- I have received cost-share funds once through CAIP
- I have received cost-share funds twice through CAIP
- I have received cost-share funds three or more times through CAIP
- I have never received cost-share funds through CAIP

2. In the previous program year, check which answer **best describes** you: **(10)**

- I received funding for a completed project
- I applied but was not approved for funding
- I was approved for funding but did not complete my project
- I was approved for funding but notified administrator that I would not use funds.
- I was placed on a waiting list but did not receive funds
- I was placed on a waiting list, later approved but did not complete my project
- I did not apply

3. Have you been a resident of <COUNTY> County for the last 5 years or more? **(5)**

- YES
- NO

4. Have you managed a farm in <COUNTY> County for the last 5 years or more? **(5)**

- YES
- NO

5. At the time of application, how long have you shared in the financial risks and/or participated in the business operation of a farm? **(12)**

- Less than 1 year
- 1 to 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- More than 10 years

6. Did you file a schedule F and/or schedule C (IRS tax forms) in the previous year? **(10)**

- YES
- NO

7. As reported on your income tax records last year, what % of your Individual Income comes from your Gross Farm Income? (Line 9 of your Schedule F, Line 7 of Schedule C or other documentation of Gross Farm Income.) (25)

- Less than 10% 51 to 75%
 10 to 25% 76% or More
 26 to 50%

Calculation to determine %:

$\% = \frac{\text{Gross Farm Income}}{\text{Total Income}} \times 100$ <p style="text-align: center;">(Line 22 of your 1040)</p>
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8. Please mark the statement that best describes your level of tobacco dependency (choose only one): (10)

- Prior to 2001, but not since 2001, I grew tobacco or owned tobacco quota
 Since 2001, I have owned quota, or grown and marketed tobacco
 I have not grown tobacco or owned quota, but I am the son/daughter of someone who did
 I have never grown tobacco or owned quota

9. Since 2001, have you added a new farming enterprise, modified an existing farming enterprise, and/or added a new practice? (3)

- YES NO

If yes, what did you add or modify: _____

10. Do you keep production records for your farming enterprises? (i.e. DHIA records, Farm Business Analysis, calving records, crop yields, etc.) (7)

- YES NO

11. Are you currently utilizing recordkeeping software for your farming operation? (3)

- YES NO

12. Have you increased your farm income by selling value-added products? (3)

- YES NO

If yes, what type of products: _____

13. Do you grow, raise or market Kentucky Proud products? (4)

- YES NO

If yes, list products: _____

14. Do you have a marketing plan for your operation? (4)

YES NO

15. Did you soil test within the last 12 months? (4)

YES NO

16. Do you practice rotational grazing and/or crop rotation? (4)

YES NO

If yes, circle all that apply:

Rotational Grazing or **Crop Rotation**

17. Have you implemented any Best Management Practices? (6)

YES NO

If yes, please list: _____

18. Do you have a completed Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act (AWQA) Plan for the farm for which you are requesting CAIP funds on file at your conservation district office? (10)

YES NO

For questions concerning the AWQA, visit <http://conservation.ky.gov/Pages/AgricultureWaterQuality.aspx> or contact your local conservation district office or the Division of Conservation at 502-573-3080.

Total Points Awarded _____ (135 points possible)

Tiebreaker Questions

These questions will only be used in the event of a tie.

All questions are valued at **2 points each** for a **YES response**. A total of 13 additional points are possible. ***All responses will be verified by the county program administrator.**

1. Are you a member of a county or statewide commodity group?

2 YES ___ NO

If yes, please name commodity group(s): _____

Are you in a leadership role? YES or NO (Please circle)

Additional 1 point for a YES response

2. Are you currently subscribed to your local Extension Newsletter?

2 YES ___ NO

3. Did you attend a financial, leadership or marketing based education session within the last 12 months?

2 YES ___ NO

If yes, please list: _____

4. Are you currently a Kentucky Proud member?

2 YES ___ NO

5. Have you hosted an on-farm demonstration, field day or informational workshop within the last 24 months?

2 YES ___ NO

If yes, what type: _____

Date of event: _____

6. Did you attend a CAIP Producer Information meeting for the current or previous program year?

2 YES ___ NO

If yes, date of event: _____

Total Points Awarded _____ **(13 points possible)**

Eligible Investment Areas

The following investment areas are considered eligible for cost-share through CAIP. Please select **NO MORE** than **3** investment areas to receive cost-share funds.

A Producer is eligible for the total amount of CAIP funds requested below, not to exceed the county's maximum cost-share per producer limit - <Producer Limit>.

A Producer shall not receive more than \$5,000 statewide in CAIP funds within a program year.

The Administrative Entity may choose to **prorate** all applications at time of approval.

	INVESTMENT AREAS	Eligible for Cost-share up to \$	Select <u>NO MORE</u> than <u>3</u> Investment Areas
1.	AGRICULTURAL DIVERSIFICATION	<available amount>	
	Eligible Areas – See Investment Area Guidelines for more information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commercial Horticulture or Commercial Aquaculture Production ▪ Timber Production, Utilization & Mkting. 		
2.	LARGE ANIMAL	<available amount>	
	Eligible Areas – See Investment Area Guidelines for more information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Beef, Dairy or Equine Please select if applying for a HEIFER PURCHASE: YES ___ NO ___ (Limit of <u>5</u> Heifers per program year.)		
	Beef Bull Selection, circle <u>no more than 2</u> from the six bull types: (Limit of <u>2</u> Bulls per program year.) 1. Balance Trait 2. Carcass Merit 3. Heifer Acceptable 4. High Productivity 5. Low Maintenance 6. Terminal		
3.	SMALL ANIMAL	<available amount>	
	Eligible Areas – See Investment Area Guidelines for more information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Goat, Sheep or Swine Production ▪ Bees or Rabbits 		
4.	FARM INFRASTRUCTURE	<available amount>	
	Eligible Areas – See Investment Area Guidelines for more information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Farm Storage/Equipment Facilities or Greenhouse Construction/Conversion ▪ Livestock, Equine or Poultry Facilities ▪ On-farm Composting 		
5.	FENCING & ON-FARM WATER	<available amount>	
6.	FORAGE & GRAIN IMPROVEMENT	<available amount>	
	Eligible Areas – See Investment Area Guidelines for more information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Forage, Pasture or Grain Improvement ▪ Commodity Handling or Forage Equipment 		
7.	INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS	<available amount>	
	Eligible Areas – See Investment Area Guidelines for more information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fenceline Feeders or Gravel Paver Grid ▪ Solar Powered Watering System, Tire Waterers or Water Harvesting 		
8.	ON-FARM ENERGY	<available amount>	
9.	POULTRY & OTHER FOWL	<available amount>	
10.	TECHNOLOGY & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	<available amount>	
11.	VALUE-ADDED & MARKETING	<available amount>	
	Eligible Areas – See Investment Area Guidelines for more information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Value-added or Agritourism Development ▪ Certified/Commercial Kitchen or Marketing & Promotion 		

Acknowledgement

The County Administrative Entity reserves the right to request or require sufficient documentation to verify the responses to each of the questions on this application. Inability or refusal to provide documentation for specific responses will result in zero points being awarded for that question. Confirmation of fraudulent responses shall result in disqualification for participation in this year's CAIP.

You also verify that only one individual in your household is eligible to receive CAIP funds within a given program year. Additionally, if you are a tenant/owner and your owner/tenant is also applying within the same program year, you may not receive funds in the same Investment Areas and must not use the same FSN.

You also certify that you are only eligible to receive funds in one of the following per program year; CAIP, Next Generation Beginning Farmer or Youth Agricultural Incentives Program.

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

By signing this, you acknowledge that you have read the above disclaimer as well as reviewed the *Producer Guidelines & Responsibilities* and that you accept and agree to be bound by the terms thereof.

Signature _____

Date _____

Please detach the *Producer Guidelines & Responsibilities* section of this application and keep for your records.

*Producers approved for funding must submit the **Producer Report & Certification** prior to receiving cost-share reimbursement. This **new** form takes the place of the old *Producer Certification and individual Producer Reports*. Visit <http://agpolicy.ky.gov> to download a copy, or contact your program administrator.*

For county specific program questions, please contact your local Program Administrator.

For disputes, feedback or questions not resolved locally, please contact:

Bill McCloskey, Deputy Executive Director

Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy

Billb.mccloskey@ky.gov

502-782-1766 direct

VI. Producer Guidelines & Responsibilities

*Funded participants shall adhere to all local, state, and federal rules and regulations.
Any application that does not meet eligibility requirements will not be scored.*

The County Administrative Entity and/or the County Program Administrator reserves the right to request or require additional documentation to verify information provided in producer's application.

Confirmation of fraudulent responses shall result in disqualification for participation in this year's CAIP.

*Applicants are only eligible to receive funds in **one** of the following programs per program year: **CAIP, Next Generation Beginning Farmer, Youth Agricultural Incentives Program***

A. Eligibility Requirements

Only one application per household will be considered for funding. A household for the purpose of this program is defined as follows:

1. HOUSEHOLD

- a. Only one individual per household, regardless of county, is eligible to receive CAIP funds within a program year. If applicable, proof of residency may be requested to verify that multiple individuals within the same household are not applying.
- b. Residency is determined by a valid driver's license or photo ID and one utility bill. The address on both the ID and utility bill must match the address provided on the CAIP application. A copy of both shall be placed in the file with the application.

2. TENANT/OWNER

If applying as a tenant/land owner, then the following also apply:

- a. Tenant farmers are required to obtain written permission from the landowner to use the landowner's FSN on a CAIP application. Written permission must be submitted with the application to be eligible.
- b. Additionally, the tenant farmer shall submit the "Tenant/Owner Acknowledgement Form" prior to approval.
- c. **Limitations** for Tenant/Owners that both apply for CAIP:
 - i. In the event a tenant secures written permission from the landowner and both apply for CAIP, the tenant farmer and landowner are prohibited from applying for funds **within the same Investment Area** in the same program year.
 - ii. A tenant farmer and a landowner are both eligible to apply with separate FSNs; however, both may not receive funds within the same Investment Area.

3. PRODUCER DEFINITION

- a. A producer is defined by use of **Social Security Number (SSN) and Farm Serial Number (FSN). Both shall be provided when applying.** Once the Social Security Number (SSN) or Farm Serial Number (FSN) is used, neither are eligible to be used again once annual limit is reached.

[Example: SSN – 123-45-6789 combined with FSN – 4567, would discontinue the eligibility of both the SSN and FSN.]

- b. Producers who intend to take part in the program shall supply a Social Security Number (SSN) and Farm Serial Number (FSN) to receive payment. Both of these numbers must be supplied to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board.

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board recognizes every applicant's right to privacy and understands its obligation to keep applicant/producer information confidential. Any information provided to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board or Program Administrator on individual producer applications for CAIP, such as the applicant's Social Security Number and Farm Serial Number, will be kept confidential by authority of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board as granted in KRS 248.701 to 248.727 and by KRS 61.878. The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board does not disclose any nonpublic personal information regarding applicants/producers, past or present, except as permitted or required by the Kentucky Open Records Act, KRS 61.870 to 61.884 or other law(s).

- c. Producers must be 18 years of age or older at time of application to apply for CAIP funds.
- d. Counties may choose to limit eligible producers to receive funding every other year. If a county has adopted this policy, it will be printed in bold on the front page of the county's Universal Producer Application.

B. Cost-Share Reimbursement

1. Funds disbursed to producers shall be on a reimbursement basis, **upon completion of the project.**
2. CAIP funds received shall be used for improvements on the land assigned to the Farm Serial Number (FSN) provided on the producer's application, independent of the county in which the FSN is registered.
3. A producer is eligible for up to the county's maximum cost-share per producer limit not to exceed \$5,000. Producers shall not receive more than \$5,000 statewide per producer per program year (program year is defined by the year the application is approved by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board).
4. In the event that it is determined that a producer has received more than \$5,000 in a program year, then the producer will be asked to return the amount over \$5,000 to the last county that reimbursed the producer.

If the producer fails to reimburse the amount over \$5,000, then the producer is ineligible to receive further CAIP funding (statewide) until repayment is made.

5. The producer shall supply a dated receipt indicating buyer and seller information, along with a description of the item(s) purchased in order to be eligible for payment. **Payment shall only be made for eligible cost-share items.**
6. **NO CASH PURCHASES** are allowed for reimbursement.

7. Approved producers shall submit the Producer Report & Certification form completing the sections for the program/investments being cost-shared, **before** reimbursement funds are received.
8. **Deadlines:** Should the producer fail to use approved funds by the program administrator's reimbursement deadline, said funds shall be reallocated to the next eligible applicant time permitting.

C. Exclusions

1. Reimbursements for purchases, including labor, from the producer's immediate family (e.g. father/mother, son/daughter, brother/sister, etc.), including in-laws, are not eligible.
2. Cost-share shall not be provided for items traded or sold between producers who share interest in a farm operation. This includes the use of a third party to buy/sell the same items amongst the producers.
3. Documented hired labor is an eligible cost-share item; however, reimbursement will not be awarded for labor provided by the producer's immediate family (e.g. father/mother, son/daughter, brother/sister, etc.), including in-laws.
4. **Beginning in 2010**, all transport equipment was removed as eligible cost-share items from all investment areas. This exclusion includes trailers, wagons, and carts with the primary function of transportation.
5. **Beginning in 2012**, all fertilizer, pesticide, herbicide, and soil amendments (excluding lime) were removed as eligible cost-share items from all investment areas.

D. Educational Requirement

1. Participation in CAIP requires the applicant to complete a minimum of one (1) educational component prior to the disbursement of funds related to farm management, production, best management practices or marketing. Eligible sessions include extension-sanctioned activities, such as workshops, seminars, field days, on-line courses, webinars, etc.
 - a. Documentation of attendance is required and the session must not have been submitted to meet the CAIP education requirement for a prior year.
 - b. A county extension agent must sign off on all educational components, either by submitting a list of session attendees to the program administrator or by signing an individual producer's "Certification for Educational Requirement" form.
 - c. Cost-share payments shall not be issued to producers before the educational requirement has been met. *The educational component may be attained anytime prior to disbursement of funds, but no more than 6-months prior to date of application.*
2. **Educational Prerequisites:** The following Investment Areas have a specific educational video component. CAIP applicants shall complete the listed video component for each Investment Area listed below that is selected for cost-share reimbursement. The videos serve as both the prerequisite and fulfill the educational requirement referenced in D.1. above.

- a. Large Animal – “Cattle Handling & Care (BQCA)” or “Cattle Genetics”
- b. Farm Infrastructure – “Commodity Storage & Livestock Handling”
- c. Fencing & On-Farm Water – “Installation & Regulations”
- d. Forage & Grain Improvement – “Farm Practices & Recommendations”
- e. Technology & Leadership Development – “Farm Safety”

All educational video components shall be offered through the Cooperative Extension Service and coordinated by the County Agriculture & Natural Resources Agents.

3. Exclusion: Attendance at an informational meeting to review updated guideline changes and discuss the producer application does not satisfy this requirement.

E. Capital Improvements – Equipment, Fencing, Farm Structures

1. CAIP funds received shall be used for improvements in the county in which funds are awarded, regardless of the counties the FSN may span.

If the FSN spans multiple counties, then the producer shall provide verification that all projects are located in the county in which funds are awarded. There are no exceptions to this policy.

2. Producers shall maintain ownership of the property for five (5) years past the participation date in the program.
 - a. Should a producer fail to maintain ownership of property for the entire 5-year period, administrators shall request a return of funds on a pro-rated basis.
 - b. Emergency early release is possible in the case of death, illness, physical inability or transfers within immediate family and must be approved by the local administrative entity and documentation kept on file for future reference.
 - c. Failure to return funds will result in the producer being ineligible to receive additional Kentucky Agricultural Development Funds until repayment is made.
 - d. Administrators shall provide producers failing to meet the ownership requirement a written notice, giving a minimum of 30 days to repay the pro-rated amount.
3. **Producers shall retain adequate insurance coverage**, if applicable, to replace any and all capital improvement/equipment projects funded with Kentucky Agricultural Development Funds. *Proof of insurance may be requested by the program administrator at the time of reimbursement or during a site visit.*
4. Tenant farmers or those leasing land where capital construction improvements will be located may be asked to provide an FSA-578 or a redacted copy of their Schedule F and written approval from the landowner, giving permission to use the owner’s FSN and granting access to the cost-share item(s) for a minimum of five (5) years.