

CAIP Investment Area Guidelines: TECHNOLOGY & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (2018)



The **County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP)** offers 11 investment areas that give Kentucky agricultural producers the ability to increase net farm income, add value to their products, and diversify their operation.

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).

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

Investment Area Prerequisites:

- **Educational Video Component:** Producers receiving cost-share funds in this investment area shall view the following video through the Cooperative Extension Service prior to receiving funds: **"Farm Safety."** This prerequisite video will satisfy the Educational Requirement, as well.

A. Precision Agriculture

Eligible Cost-Share Items:

1. GPS Monitor/Receiver
2. GPS Light Bar/Guidance System
3. GPS Yield Monitor
4. Spatial Analysis Software/Training (Registration Only)
5. Computer GPS Hardware
6. Variable Rate Application Control Equipment
7. Services related to Spatial Management

B. Animal Data Management

Eligible Cost-Share Items:

1. Scale Head
2. Readers (Panels, Loops, Wands, and Portals)
3. Management Programs (e.g. DHIA, Farm Business Analysis, Beef Connection)
4. RFID Tags purchased through a KADB approved vendor (e.g. CPH45 tags)
5. Carcass and/or Feed Efficiency Data Collection through a KADB approved vendor

C. Farm Safety

Eligible Cost-Share Items:

1. Farm Implement Safety: fire extinguisher, lights, PTO cover, replacement tractor seat with belt, signage, sirens, seat belt/rollover bars, safety switches and rollover bar canopies for farm implements only
2. Personal Protective Gear: gloves, dust mask, half/full face respirators, helmets, face shields/accessories (including filter cartridges), forced air pumps/batteries
3. Grain Bin Safety: safety harness & lifeline; grain bin lockout/tag out (LOTO) system

D. Computer Hardware and Record Management Software

Eligible Cost-Share Items:

1. Software: Accounting, Database/Inventory Management, Tax Preparation or other recordkeeping/financial management software
2. Hardware*: Laptop, personal computer, tablet or other hardware upgrades, including printers and scanners
**Excludes cost-share on data plans and phones.*
3. One-half the cost of participation in the Kentucky Farm Business Analysis Program
4. One-half the cost of membership in a producer-owned marketing cooperative

E. Miscellaneous Equipment

Eligible Cost Share Items:

1. Field Meters - pH, refractometer (Brix-meter), moisture, ERGS, ORP/Oxygen, Sodium, NPK: to monitor nutrients, moisture, etc.
2. Broadband Internet - 50% of the cost of equipment and installation provided by a broadband provider not to exceed \$250 per producer.

F. Leadership Development

Prerequisites:

Applicant must provide proof of enrollment/acceptance, as well as contact information of the leadership program coordinator

Applicant must provide an invoice/letter from leadership program coordinator and a copy of cancelled check for the full amount of the program

Eligible Cost-Share Items:

One-half of the tuition for one adult leadership program, up to a maximum of \$1,000

Eligible programs include but are not limited to the following:

- Leadership Kentucky
- Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program
- Commodity Organization Leadership Programs (e.g. Kentucky Cattlemen's Leadership Program)

- Kentucky Entrepreneurial Coaches Institute
- Regional Leadership Programs (e.g. Leadership East Kentucky or Northern Kentucky Leadership Foundation)
- County Leadership Programs
- County Agricultural Leadership Programs