

*These guidelines represent one of 11 investment areas within the **County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP)** to provide Kentucky agricultural producers cost-share assistance on practices that increase net farm income and opportunities to try new/innovative technologies or systems that improve farm efficiency and productivity.*

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

A. Goat, Sheep Production

Prerequisites:

- **"1. Genetics"**
 - **All breeding males** must be at least six months of age, in good health, have all required health papers and be up-to-date on their CDT vaccinations. Breeding males must be registered full bloods or purebreds with permanent identification.
 - **Ownership of breeding males** must be maintained for a minimum of two (2) successive breeding seasons. *See exceptions for deviations from this rule.*
 - **Breeding females** need not be registered, but should have permanent identification.
 - **Ownership of breeding females** must be maintained for two (2) years. *See exceptions for deviations from this rule.*
 - **All breeding males** purchased through this program are encouraged to have a Breeding Soundness Evaluation (BSE) – within the last six months; **however it is not a requirement** prior to receiving cost-share funds.
- **"2. Handling"**
Minimum herd/flock size to qualify for handling equipment cost-share: 20

Eligible Cost-share Items:

1. **Genetics**
 - a. Male Breeding Stock
 - b. Purchase of bucks, rams
 - c. Semen from registered meat or dairy bucks
 - d. Female Breeding Stock – purchase of does, ewes
 - e. Artificial insemination (AI) procedure
 - f. Embryo transfer work
 - g. Herd pregnancy checks and DNA tests
2. **Handling**
 - a. Commercial head gate
 - b. Chutes - working, holding, loading, etc.
 - c. Tilt table or sheep sling

- d. Goat Tote
 - e. Crowding tub and gate
 - f. Panels and Gates and materials for pens
 - g. Kidding Pens/Lambing jugs/pens
 - h. Footbath; Foot trimmers
 - i. Wool/hair clippers/shears
 - j. Drench gun and reservoir
 - k. Small livestock scales
 - l. Feeders: Bunk or creep feeders
 - m. Forage mixers, feedways, feeding equipment systems
 - n. Feed ingredient and complete diet sampling equipment and analysis
 - o. Animal waste handling and distribution equipment (excluding motorized vehicles) or custom services
 - p. Filter fabric pads for heavy use areas
 - q. Cooling fans / ventilation equipment
 - r. FAMACHA chart: to measure anemia
 - s. Whole herd disease diagnostic testing (live animals only)
 - t. Castration tools, including banders
 - u. Vaccines
 - v. Microscopes, flotation solutions, slides/covers for parasite management
 - w. Ear tagging and tattoo equipment
 - x. Cost of having a Nutrient Management Plan or Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan developed
3. **Milk Production**
- a. Milking equipment
 - b. Cooling and raw milk storage equipment
 - c. Pasteurization equipment
 - d. Animal waste handling and distribution equipment (excluding motorized vehicles) or custom services
4. Cost of participation in a master-level agricultural education program (e.g. Small Ruminant Profit School, etc.)
5. Biosecurity signage

Exceptions:

- **Buyer/Seller Clause:** A producer shall not participate as a buyer and seller (of that sex of breeding livestock) within the same program year.
Meaning – if one producer sells rams to producers that participate in CAIP, they shall not receive cost-share on the purchase of rams within the same program year – this statement also applies to female breeding stock.

- **Emergency Early Release Clause** – The local program administrator shall reserve the right to approve an early release, if it is determined that an animal, due to physical or disposition problems, is no longer considered sound for breeding purposes. The local program administrator can require the animal to undergo an examination by a licensed veterinarian to assist in determination.
- **Genetic Diversification Clause** – In the event that a producer retains female offspring sired by the ram for use as breeding stock, the ram may be sold, but **MUST** be replaced by another ram of equal or greater value. The replacement animal is not eligible for cost-share funds.

Exclusions:

- Animals in the family *Cervidae*, a.k.a. cervids (e.g. white-tail deer, etc.), are not eligible for cost-share under these guidelines.
- The intent of genetics investments is to aid producers in bringing superior genetics into their herd.

Cost-share shall not be provided for animals traded or sold between producers who have co-mingled herds or share sires. This includes the use of a third party to buy/sell the same animals from the co-mingled herd.

B. Swine Production

Eligible Cost-share Items:

1. Genetics:
 - a. Purchase of up to 20 high quality replacement gilts to improve the genetic base of herd
 - b. Purchase of boar or boar semen to improve the genetic base of the swine herd and/or equipment needed for on-farm collection, processing, storage, and utilization of semen in an artificial insemination program
 - c. Artificial insemination (AI) procedure
 - d. Embryo transfer work
 - e. Herd pregnancy checks and DNA tests
 - f. Equipment for on-farm pregnancy detection and body condition scoring of sows
2. Feed ingredient and complete diet sampling equipment and analysis
3. Whole herd disease diagnostic testing (live animals only)
4. Animal waste handling and distribution equipment (excluding motorized vehicles) or custom services
5. Site preparation, including on-site utility extensions and officially permitted on-site waste treatment facilities
6. Misting / sprinkling system
7. Clippers, ear notching equipment, teeth clipping equipment
8. Castration tools, including banders
9. Vaccines
10. Ear tagging and tattoo equipment
11. Handling:
 - a. Chutes – working, sorting, loading
 - b. Panels and gates and materials for pens
 - c. Feeders – bunk or creep feeders

- d. Stalls – farrowing, gestation
- 12. Cost of having a Nutrient Management Plan or Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan developed
- 13. Cost of participation in a master-level agricultural education program (e.g. Master Cattleman, etc.)
- 14. Biosecurity signage

Exceptions:

- **Buyer/Seller Clause:** A producer shall not participate as a buyer and seller (of that sex of breeding livestock) within the same program year.

Meaning – if one producer sells sows to producers that participate in CAIP, they shall not receive cost-share on the purchase of sows within the same program year – this statement also applies to boars.

Exclusions:

- The intent of genetics investments is to aid producers in bringing superior genetics into their herd.

Cost-share shall not be provided for animals traded or sold between producers who have co-mingled herds or share sires. This includes the use of a third party to buy/sell the same animals from the co-mingled herd.

C. Bees

Eligible Cost-share Items:

1. New or used hives, other wooden ware, foundation, specialty supers
2. New or used extractor, honey processing, bottling and storage equipment
3. Purchase of bees from an inspected source
4. Purchase of swarms
5. Protective suits, veils, gloves, smoker, hive tools
6. Approved medications
7. Non-motorized equipment essential for the transportation of beehives
8. Polination plantings
9. Fencing for animal/predator exclusion
10. Incubator to hatch queen bee eggs
11. Cost of participation in a master-level agricultural education program (e.g. Master Beekeeper, etc.)
12. Biosecurity signage

D. Rabbits

Eligible Cost-share Items:

1. Commercial bred New Zealand White or Californian breeding stock.
2. Cages or wire to make cages. Minimum size allowed 30" X 30" X 18". Wire must be 14-gauge or better.

3. Feeders, nest boxes
4. Materials to construct manure handling system
5. Ventilation equipment such as fans, curtains, heaters, air conditioners
6. Transport cages
7. Whole herd disease diagnostic testing (live animals only)
8. 3-point hitch pelletizer for producing feed
9. Vaccines
10. Ear tagging and tattoo equipment
11. Cost of having a Nutrient Management Plan or Comprehensive Nutrient Mangement Plan developed
12. Biosecurity signage

Exceptions:

- **Buyer/Seller Clause:** A producer shall not participate as a buyer and seller (of that sex of breeding livestock) within the same program year.

Meaning – if one producer sells does to producers that participate in CAIP, they shall not receive cost-share on the purchase of does within the same program year – this statement also applies to bucks.

Exclusions:

- Rabbits purchased for show are not eligible for cost-share.
- The intent of genetics investments is to aid producers in bringing superior genetics into their herd.

Cost-share shall not be provided for animals traded or sold between producers who have co-mingled herds or share bucks. This includes the use of a third party to buy/sell the same animals from the co-mingled herd.