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.

**Eligible Cost-share Items:**

This investment area is for commercial & pastured poultry, and other fowl.

1. Commercial breeding stock
2. Animal waste handling, distribution equipment (excluding motorized vehicles) or custom services
3. Insect sprayers/cleaning and disinfection equipment
4. Feeders, brooders, poultry coops, nesting boxes
5. Poultry netting
6. Grazing cages (field pens), rolling hen houses, skid mounted chicken houses
7. Permanent pens and shelters
8. Fruit trees for poultry feed source
9. Trolley and/or truss enhancement system
10. Incubators
11. Cooling fan/ventilation system
12. Tagging/branding and tattoo equipment
13. Poultry pH meter, ammonia reader, relative humidity reader
14. Cost of developing a Nutrient Management Plan or Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
15. Cost of participation in a master-level agricultural education program
16. Biosecurity signage

It is recommended that funded participants consult with a UK Poultry Extension Specialist for up-to-date information on buildings, equipment, and environmental security.

**Exceptions/Limitations:**

- **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 hens to producers that participate in CAIP, they shall not receive cost-share on the purchase of hens within the same program year – this statement also applies to males.

- **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.

**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 flocks or share breeding stock. This includes the use of a third party to buy/sell the same animals from the co-mingled flock.