

# CAIP Investment Area Guidelines: FORAGE & GRAIN IMPROVEMENT (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.*

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

## A. Forage, Pasture and Grain Production

### Prerequisites:

- Only Certified, Plant Variety Protected (PVP) or Proprietary varieties will be acceptable for cost-share (see list of approved varieties).

*In addition, these varieties should have documented performance in university trials such as those conducted by the UK College of Agriculture, Food & Environment. Other varieties will be considered with documentation of performance upon written request to UK through the County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources.*

- The variety must be specified on the receipt.
- **A soil test**, taken within the last 12 months, shall be conducted and recommendations followed prior to lime or seed application.
- **Clover:** If soil pH is below 5.0, then clover seeding should be delayed by 6 months after lime application. **Alfalfa:** If soil pH is below 5.5, then seeding must be delayed by one year after limestone application.

### Eligible Cost-share Items:

1. **Forage/Pasture Seed:** Only varieties specified in the Seed List (Appendix A) are eligible for cost-share.
  - a. **Clover – red and white**
  - b. **Alfalfa**
  - c. **Summer Perennial Forages**
    - i. Bermuda grass
    - ii. Big Bluestem
    - iii. Eastern Gamma Grass
    - iv. Caucasian Bluestem
  - d. **Cool Season Forages**
    - i. Endophyte-free Fescue
    - ii. Kentucky Bluegrass
    - iii. Novel Endophyte Fescue
    - iv. Orchardgrass
    - v. Timothy
    - vi. Festulolium

**e. Other Crops for FORAGE and GRAZING purposes only**

- i. Brassicas (i.e. turnips)
  - ii. Buckwheat
  - iii. Corn (less than 10 acres)
  - iv. Forage sorghum
  - v. Rye
  - vi. Ryegrass
  - vii. Oats
  - viii. Soybean (forage beans only)
  - ix. Wheat
2. Limestone based on a soil test taken within the past 12 months and prior to lime application for forage, pasture or grain production
  3. Inoculants
  4. Cost of soil sampling and/or analysis
  5. Specialized spraying equipment (not self-propelled), including weed wiper/wicker
  6. Custom Seeding
  7. Custom spraying services for pasture/hayland weed suppression
  8. Rental of no-till drill, pasture renovator, or spray equipment
  9. Rental of land clearing equipment or custom land clearing services

**Note: Participants intending to use this cost-share item who also participate in USDA programs should contact FSA to ensure compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation Compliance, which is required for USDA program compliance. FSA will forward requests to NRCS for evaluation.**

**Exclusions / Limitations:**

- Soil test must be followed, but cost-share is not allowed on fertilizer or soil amendments, other than limestone.
- Only labor provided through a custom seeding service is eligible for reimbursement, labor for using rental equipment is not reimbursable.

## B. Commodity Handling and Forage Equipment

### **Prerequisites:**

- Commodity Handling & Forage Equipment recipients are required to retain ownership and maintenance of equipment for at least five years.
- Producers shall retain adequate insurance coverage to replace any and all equipment funded through this program.

### **Eligible Cost-share Items:**

1. Bale accumulators
2. Bale kickers
3. Bale wrappers/Forage Baggers
4. Concrete/portable feed bunks
5. Elevators and Augers
6. Front end loader and/or attachments
7. Hay applicator systems
8. Hay forks/spears
9. Hay rake
10. Hay rings
11. Hay tedder
12. Hay unroller attachment
13. Mechanical bale loaders
14. No-till drill
15. Plastic supplies for bale/forage wrappers/baggers
16. Retro-fitting balers for netting systems
17. Roller-crimper
18. Scissor lift
19. Silage bags

### **Exclusions:**

- Self-propelled vehicles/equipment are not eligible for cost-share, including but not limited to tractors, trucks, all-terrain vehicles, skid steers, etc.

## **Appendix A: Seed Varieties**

*(Updated as necessary)*

Varieties of approved species (see A. 1.) are updated by UK Agronomy as requested or new varieties are shown to meet UK's performance standards.

Visit <http://agpolicy.ky.gov/funds/Pages/program-portal.aspx> for the most up-to-date list of seed varieties eligible for use with this program.