



# 2011 County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) Investment Area Guidelines: FARMLAND IMPROVEMENT & UTILIZATION

## Introduction

This document provides eligible investments and is considered to be the standards by which this investment area is to be implemented.

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

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).

## A. Forage/Pasture Development

Only certified, PVP or proprietary forage varieties will be eligible for cost share. In addition, these varieties should have documented performance in university trials such as those conducted by the UK College of Agriculture. Other varieties will be considered with documentation of performance upon written request to UK through the County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources.

### Prerequisites:

- **A soil test**, taken within the last 12 months, fertilizer and lime applications must be based on the recommendations.
- Only Certified or Plant Variety Protected or Proprietary varieties will be acceptable (see list of approved varieties attached).
- The variety must be specified on the receipt.
- **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.
- Cost-share is based on receipts from vendors.

### Cost-share Items:

1. **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

*(1. Seed, d. Cool Season Forages, cont.)*

- iv. Orchardgrass
- v. Timothy
- vi. Festulolium

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

- i. Corn (less than 10 acres)
- ii. Wheat
- iii. Rye
- iv. Ryegrass
- v. Oats
- vi. Soybean (forage beans only)
- vii. Brassicas (i.e. turnips)

- 2. **Limestone** based on a soil test taken within the past 12 months & prior to lime application.
- 3. **Inoculants**
- 4. **Animal waste handling and distribution equipment** (excluding motorized vehicles)
- 5. **Fertilizer and soil amendments\*** applied based on the soil test for the following:
  - a. **Establishment or Renovation of legumes in existing pastures**
  - b. **Establishment of other perennial forage crops**

*\* This cost-share item will only be available for 2011 to assist producers who have lost pastures, due to unfavorable weather conditions in the last year.*

## **B. Pasture / Grain Improvement**

**Prerequisites:**

- **A soil test**, taken within the last 12 months, lime application must be based on the soil test recommendation.
- Cost-share is on limestone only, based on receipts from vendors.

**COST SHARE ITEMS:**

- 1. **Limestone** based on a soil test taken within the past 12 months & prior to lime application.
- 2. **Specialized spraying equipment** (not self-propelled)
- 3. **Fertilizer and soil amendments\*** applied based on the soil test only for the following:
  - **Establishment or Renovation of legumes in existing pastures**
  - **Establishment of other perennial forage crops**

*\* This cost-share item will only be available for 2011 to assist producers who have lost pastures, due to unfavorable weather conditions in the last year.*

## **C. Filter Fabric Pads for Heavy Use Areas**

**Material costs associated with development of filter fabric pads** for improved surface drainage under bales and in heavy use areas. (excludes motorized vehicles)

## **D. Subsurface Drainage (Tiling)**

Material costs necessary for the installation of subsurface drainage systems for improved soil drainage. (excludes motorized vehicles)

## **E. Seeding: Custom Services & Rental of Equipment**

### **Prerequisites:**

- For rental of seeding equipment, reimbursement will not exceed 50% of the rental cost of said equipment.
- Only labor provided through a custom seeding service is eligible for reimbursement, labor for using rental equipment is not reimbursable.

**Rental of a no-till drill or pasture renovator** is eligible for reimbursement on a cost-share basis.

## **APPENDIX A: Seed Varieties**

Visit [http://agpolicy.ky.gov/funds/documents/forage\\_seedlist.pdf](http://agpolicy.ky.gov/funds/documents/forage_seedlist.pdf) for the most up-to-date list of seed varieties eligible for use with this program.

# County Agricultural Investment Program: Farmland Improvement & Utilization Investment Area Producer Report

## ***Deadlines for Producer Reports***

Producers must complete all relevant questions on the Producer Report before receiving cost-share funds through the County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) for the Farmland Improvement & Utilization Investment Area.

This form is for the Administrator to keep on-file for each Producer receiving cost-share funds, and should aid in filling out the reports for this program.

This information will be used to help the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board evaluate the economic impact of programs on Kentucky's agricultural economy.

## ***Administrator Information***

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***General Information***

Producer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Serial Number (FSN): \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Size of the FSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Ever received cost-share funds? YES NO

Ever applied for cost-share funds? YES NO

Would invest without cost-share? YES NO

Years shared in the financial risk &/or business operation? \_\_\_\_\_

Hours committed on the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

***Directions for completing Producer Report***

1. **Select Investment Category – ex. Commercial Fruit & Sweet Sorghum**
  2. **Describe cost-share reimbursement practices – ex. Water and irrigation supplies and equipment**
  3. **Total Project cost – ex. \$4,000 – supply receipts to Administrator to determine eligible cost-share reimbursement**
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1. **Investment Area (IN BOLD):**
2. **Investment Category, select all that apply (A,B,C):**
  - **Farmland Improvement & Utilization Investment Area**
    - A. Forage/Pasture Development
    - B. Pasture/Grain Improvement
    - C. Filter Fabric Pads for Heavy Use Areas
    - D. Subsurface Drainage (Tiling)
    - E. Seeding: Custom Services & Rental of Equipment
3. **Describe cost-share reimbursement practices (water and irrigation supplies and equipment...):**

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4. **Total Project Cost: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Provide receipts to administrator to determine eligible cost-share reimbursement)**