

Investment Area Guidelines:

SMALL ANIMAL



Goats, Sheep, Swine, Bees, Rabbits

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.

A. Goat, Sheep Production

Prerequisites:

- **All breeding males** purchased through this program must pass a Breeding Soundness Evaluation (BSE) – within the last 6-months - prior to receiving cost-share funds: 1) semen evaluation; 2) physical examination. The cost of a BSE should be negotiated between the buyer and seller and can be included in the total cost of the bucks/rams purchase.
- **All breeding males** must be at least 6-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 exclusions for exceptions to this rule.*
- **Leasing of breeding males** must include possession of the animal and that it not be moved from farm to farm in an attempt to alleviate any potential herd/flock health problems.
- **Bull Leases** must be producer-to-producer or leasing company-to-producer. *This program is not for funding the development of leasing programs that include using funds to purchase a group of bulls for lease to local producers.*
- **Breeding females** need not be registered, but should have permanent identification.
- **Ownership of breeding females** must be maintained for two (2) years. *See exclusions for exceptions to this rule.*
- **Minimum herd/flock size** to qualify for handling equipment cost-share: goats/sheep – 20

Eligible Cost-share Items:

1. Genetics

- a. Male Breeding Stock
- b. Purchase of bucks, rams
- c. Lease of bucks, rams, herd sires
- d. Semen from registered meat or dairy bucks
- e. Female Breeding Stock – purchase of does, ewes

2. **Handling**

- a. Commercial head gate
- b. Chutes - working, holding, loading, etc.
- c. Tilt table or sheep sling
- d. Crowding tub and gate
- e. Panels and Gates and materials for pens
- f. Footbath; Foot trimmers
- g. Drench gun and reservoir
- h. Small livestock scales
- i. Feeders: Bunk or creep feeders
- j. Forage mixers, feed ways, feeding equipment systems
- k. Filter fabric pads for heavy use areas
- l. Animal waste handling and distribution equipment (excluding motorized vehicles) or custom services
- m. Goat Tote
- n. Kidding Pens/Lambing jugs/pens
- o. FAMACHA chart: to measure anemia

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

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.

(Exclusions cont.)

- 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 the swine 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. Herd pregnancy checks and DNA tests
 - d. Equipment for on-farm pregnancy detection and body condition scoring of sows
2. Feed ingredient and complete diet sampling equipment and analysis
3. Animal waste handling and distribution equipment (excluding motorized vehicles) or custom services
4. Site preparation, including on-site utility extensions and officially permitted on-site waste treatment facilities
5. Misting / sprinkling system

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. Protective suits, veils, gloves, smoker, hive tools
5. Approved medications
6. Non-motorized equipment essential for the transportation of beehives

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

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 an eligible.
- 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 colonies or share sires. This includes the use of a third party to buy/sell the same animals from the co-mingled herd.