

Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program Round 16 Questions and Answers

Eligibility

Q. If a landowner has a documented need for manure storage and is planning to upgrade facilities altogether, is a concrete manure storage, built under a barn as a new barn is constructed, eligible for cost-share assistance through the state grant program?

A. Yes, the Waste Storage Facility, NRCS Standard 313, built under the barn is eligible for cost-share assistance through the Ag NPS Grant Program.

Note: please see page 2 of the Round 16 RFP for funding eligibility details for Waste Storage Facilities.

Q. Are Bedded Packs [or Composted Bedded Packs] eligible practice system[s] for manure storage and feeding? If so what components would be cost shareable?

A. Yes, both Bedded Packs and Composted Bedded Pack Systems for manure storage or composting are eligible practice systems through the Ag NPS Grant Program. Components that are an integral part of the practice standard being applied may be considered for state funding. Other related or indirect components may be eligible as a match.

Notes: please see page 2 of the Round 16 RFP for funding eligibility details for Waste Storage Facilities. It is the sponsoring District's responsibility to ensure the BMP Funding Agreement with the Landowner includes operation and maintenance provisions pursuant to the designed purposes and designated lifespan of the BMP.

The following guidance was prepared in 1995 regarding the consideration of funding for practices not listed in the *Agricultural Management Practices Catalog* and is published in the current Guidance Manual:

Non-Listed BMPs

BMPs not listed in the "Agricultural Management Practices Catalog" will be considered for funding with the inclusion of an adequate evaluation component, which assesses the effectiveness of the BMP in reducing or preventing agricultural nonpoint source pollution. No state funds may be used for evaluation or monitoring activities. (Ag NPS Program Guidelines, 5/17/95)

Q. If a barn yard/feeding area is located in an area where an engineer has determined that a Vegetated Treatment Area (VTA) is not possible due to soils or topographic features, and the only solution to address and prevent stream pollution is to cover the Heavy Use Area (HUA), would the roof be cost shareable?

A. Yes, the roof would be cost-shareable if it is documented that the project engineer determined that a VTA is not possible and the only solution to address the water quality concern is to cover the HUA.

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