



COST SHARE FOR POULTRY OPERATIONS IN MD

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QUESTIONS WE NEED TO ASK A PRODUCER WHEN THEY ARE REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE....

- Roasters or Broilers
- Number of birds/flock
- Average weight
- Days/flock
- Flocks/year
- Size of Houses



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



- Federal Financial Assistance
 - NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service)
 - Typically through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP Program)
 - Financial assistance is based on regional rates
 - All FA pay out is done through Direct Deposit
 - Continuous Sign-Up; Funding Period Typically Jan.-June
 - Must have eligibility through Farm Service Agency
 - Provide basic information about your operation and personal information

ENERGY AUDIT

Energy Audits for Poultry

- Typically, a two year process from sign up of Audit till begin installing practices.
 - Year 1: Apply for cost share to have Audit Written from Certified TSP
 - Year 2+: Apply for cost share on practices recommended in Audit (30 Yr. or less)
- Cost Share amount calculated using Animal Units/Size of Operation (Total Bird # per flock/1000 x Avg. bird weight)
- Certified Technical Service Provider that will use the ASABE & NRCS standards.
- We have contact information in the office for TSP's.

OVERVIEW OF AUDIT PROCESS

Step 1: Sign NRCS contract

Step 2: Contact Technical Service Provider and sign a contract.

Step 3: Provide Technical Service Provider with bills, invoices, etc.

Step 4: On Farm Site Visit with Technical Service Provider

Step 5: Audit will be mailed to the producer and a copy sent to NRCS.

COST SHARABLE ITEMS IN AUDIT

Lighting (Any recommendations in your operation)

- Dimmer Control, if needed

Exhaust Ventilation

Radiant Tube Heating

Attic Insulation

Wall Insulation

Tunnel Doors



HUA PADS

To qualify there must be a resource concern present or pads must be called for the in applicants CNMP (Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan).

Financial Assistance is a flat rate paid per sq. ft. of project.



CRITICAL AREA PLANTING

This practice is usually done in conjunction with

- HUA Pads
- Drainage Pipe
- Cover between and around poultry houses



TREE AND GRASS PLANTINGS

If trees are located within 100 ft of poultry house

- We can cost share on containerized stock
- Typically plant 'Green Giant' Arborvitae, Cedar, Euonymus, 'Nelly Stevens' Holly, different varieties of Switch Grass
- Must be irrigated for
3 years
List of Contractors to Machine Plant or
Hand Plant Trees





TREE AND GRASS PLANTINGS CON'T

If trees are planted further than 100 ft of poultry house

- We can cost share on bare root plantings.
- Examples: Loblolly Pine, Eastern Redbud, Cedar, variety of shrubs



Planting is only 7 years old

LITTER AMENDMENTS

Litter Amendments - help to reduce ammonia in poultry houses to improve air quality, and reduce air emissions.

NRCS Cost Share for Litter Amendments:

- 3 payments over 3 years (Example: after 4th, 8th and 12th flocks are treated)
- Participant can only sign up for this practice for one 3 year contract.

TYPES OF LITTER AMENDMENTS



Al+Clear
Liquid A7

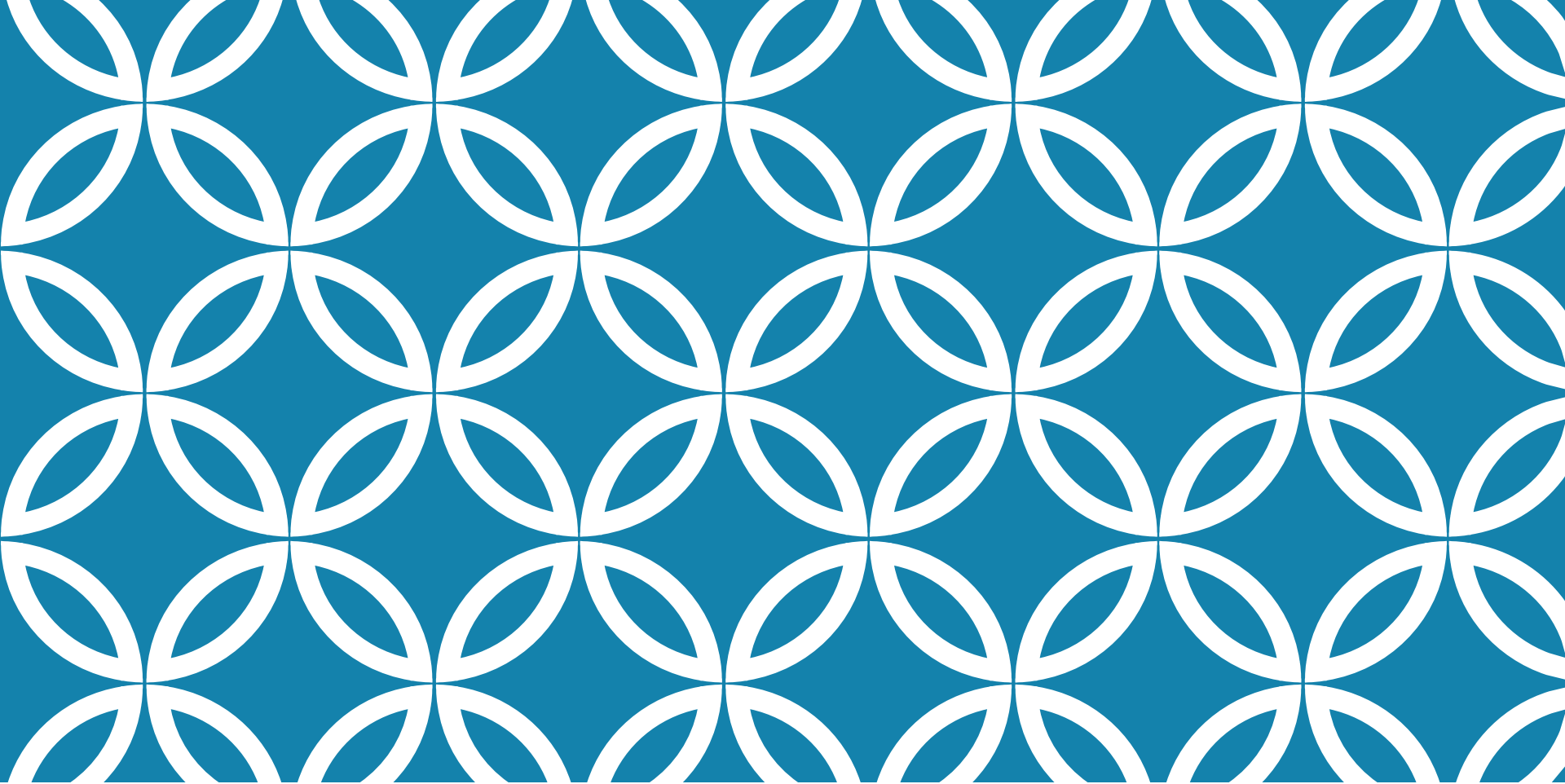


COMPREHENSIVE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS

A CNMP is a document comprised of a Conservation Plan, Nutrient Management Plan and Implementation Schedule of Practices needed on an animal feeding operation.

NRCS currently offers cost share for Technical Service Provider to write a CNMP. OR you can contact your local Soil Conservation District for help with writing a CNMP.

The purpose of a CNMP is to address current or potential resource concerns on an operation, and for CAFO/MAFO's to remain in compliance with MDE.



MACS

(Maryland Agriculture Cost
Share)

MACS Cost Share \$

- The State of Maryland uses flat rates based on regional rates.
- State cost share is a re-imbusement based on a percentage of the flat rate, and the invoice for the completed project.
- All cost share is paid by a check from the State of Maryland.



POULTRY WASTE STORAGE STRUCTURE (PWSS)

Size determined by
number of birds
87.5 % of flat rate



DEAD BIRD COMPOSTING FACILITY (DBCFF)

Bin or Channel
Attached or Unattached
87.5% of flat rate
Size determined by
number of birds



HEAVY USE AREA (HUA) CONCRETE PADS

Pays 87.5% of flat rate
(currently \$10/sq ft)
\$75,000 cap per operation
Maximum pad size: 1600 sq
ft.
Any shape

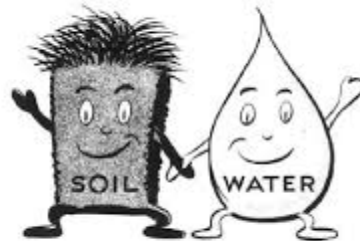
CO-COST SHARE

NRCS and MACS can co cost share on some practices.

NRCS will provide a flat rate of cost share.

If there is a balance remaining after NRCS cost share, MACS will pay 87.5% of remaining balance.

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