

Manure Management

Virginia Agricultural Cost-Share Program

Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District (LFSWCD)



What is Manure Management?

Animal waste management and control facilities are designed systems to manage liquid and/or solid waste from livestock or poultry operations. These practices provides cost-share for waste storage facilities and best management practices that allow for the recycling onto the land as part of a current nutrient management plan.

VACS Program

Each operation and resource concern is different. Landowner conservation plans and BMP design is done on a case-by-case basis based on the operation needs. The Virginia Agricultural BMP Cost-Share Program provides specification guidelines for the following practices:

- Waste storage facilities
- Dairy loafing lot management
- Composter facilities
- Mortality Incinerator facilities
- Concrete feeding pads
- Animal waste control facilities for confined livestock operations
- Loafing lot management
- Seasonal Feeding Facilities

Practice Specifications and Rates

The state cost-share payment, alone or if combined with any other cost-share payment, will not exceed 75% of the total eligible cost.

If a participant receives cost-share, only the participant's eligible out-of-pocket share of the project cost is used to determine the tax credit, not to exceed \$25,000.

The participant has a cost-share reimbursement cap that cannot exceed \$300,000. The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) allows for a variance process, where additional funds may be approved. This is decided by the LFSWCD Board and DCR.

All manure waste management practices have a 15-year contract lifespan, beginning on January 1st of the calendar year following approval.

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