



2019 APPROVED GUIDELINE REVISIONS

The following changes were approved by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB), effective with applications approved at the January 2019 KADB meeting.

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR):

GUIDELINES:

Reauthorized for 2019

Modified current language from “...only one application per 12-month period will be considered” to “...only one application per county per program year will be approved”

Next Generation Beginning Farmer (NextGen):

GUIDELINES:

Reauthorized for 2019

Reduced the number of years to provide a copy of the schedule F from “each year in operation” to “the most recent three (3) years”

Revised eligibility of producers to ages 18 to 40 with a minimum of three (3) years engaged in an agriculture operation, as an owner, tenant or employee

On-Farm Energy Efficiency Incentives:

*This section applies **ONLY** to the state energy program. It is not relevant to the CAIP energy investment area.*

GUIDELINES:

Reauthorized for 2019 with a total of \$400,000 in state funds allocated

Revised submission deadlines from four dates to three dates

Reduced number of copies for submission to original plus one (1) copy

Shared-Use Equipment:

GUIDELINES:

Reauthorized for 2019

Added clarifying language that rental/leasing fees may not be different for members vs. non-members of the administrating entity

Added the following equipment: rolling harrow; flail mower; air blast sprayer; and, post driver (*trailer-mounted, self-contained, to include special safety guidelines*)

Youth Agricultural Incentives Program:

GUIDELINES:

Reauthorized for 2019

Clarified application period is a minimum of 15 business days and program promotion/advertising is a minimum of three weeks, similar to CAIP/NextGen

Changed program to require pro-rating among all eligible applicants, since there is no scoring component

Modified purpose of program to read "...to facilitate a growing need for a specialized program that would **encourage youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities**"

Reorganized Youth Investment Areas from 11 to six (6), combining like areas into "Agricultural Diversification," "Showmanship (All animals except bees)," "Animal Production," "Forage & Grain Improvement," "Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)," and "Country Ham Projects"

Removed Youth "Fencing & On-Farm Water" investment area

Removed the Youth "Turf Development & Management" category
Note: would still be eligible as an SAE

Added environmental projects to "Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)" investment area

Added requirement that participants purchasing any type of livestock must provide health papers

Community Gardens Project Guidelines:

Reauthorized for 2019; No changes

Farmers Market Project Guidelines:

Reauthorized for 2019; No changes

Demonstration Farms Project Guidelines:

Program rescinded for 2019

County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP):

STANDARD GUIDELINES:

Revised purpose to include both statements: "to provide cost-share assistance on practices that increase net farm income" and "to provide cost-share assistance to try new/innovative technologies or systems to improve farm efficiency and/or productivity"

Established a committee of the board and staff to begin exploring broader changes in “taking CAIP investments to the next level” in 2019 for 2020: Mark Barker, Pat Henderson, Gordon Jones

Established a minimum number of site visits for the required “random site visits” administrative entities must conduct modifying the following sections:

- a. Section I.A.1.e “...including random, periodic site visits, **as outlined in Section II.A.5. Site Visits**”
- b. Section II.A. add a #5 as follows “Site Visits: The administrative entity shall ensure that at a minimum 25% of approved applicants or 13 recipients, whichever is lesser, receive a site visit this program year. All capital construction projects shall receive a site visit.”

Revised II.A.2. “Scoring Committee” to exclude County Agricultural Development Council members from serving on this committee

Added members of the Scoring Committee (*individual(s) managing the program*) will be ineligible to apply for CAIP

Added the program administrator (*individual(s) managing the program*) and members of his/her household will be ineligible to apply for CAIP, starting in 2020

Clarified if program funds are returned, then the 5% allowable amount for administrative expenses is recalculated on the reduced amount – “Total of Program Funds Used.” Any amount over the recalculated limit must either be justified or returned.

Allowed administrative entities the option to choose one of the following: 1) automatically award the full amount (producer maximum) to each approved applicant or 2) allow individuals to request less funding in the producer application, so more awards may be made.

Changed “receive” to “apply for,” as follows: “Only one individual per household, regardless of county, is eligible to apply for ~~receive~~ CAIP funds within a program year.”

Allowed extension agent discretion on who completes the educational requirement in special circumstances with notification to GOAP

Added for 2020 producers shall submit proof of payment (e.g. cancelled check, credit card statement, etc.) with reimbursement requests (*Notify in 2019*)

CAIP INVESTMENT AREAS:

Animal, Large:

A. Cattle – Beef & Dairy

Added heifers with a calf, as long as they are under 30 months

Added embryo transfer work

Added to Milk Production category somatic cell testing tools or kits

Added castration tools, including banders

Added pneumatic darts, remote injection methods for herd health

Added the cost of having a Nutrient Management Plan or Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan developed

B. Equine

Added embryo transfer work

Added castration tools, including banders

Added the cost of having a Nutrient Management Plan or Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan developed

Animal, Small:

Added the cost of having a Nutrient Management Plan or Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan developed

Added vaccines to goat/sheep, swine and rabbits to be consistent with Large Animal

Added embryo transfer work to goat/sheep and swine

Added castration tools, including banders to goat/sheep and swine

Added to goat/sheep – microscopes, flotation solution, slides/covers for parasite management

Removed buck/ram leases, similar to Large Animal last year

Added ear tagging and tattoo equipment like listed in Large Animal

Forage & Grain Improvement:

Clarified that seeding is not required to access cost-share on “9. Rental of land clearing equipment or custom land clearing services,” *and must be for agricultural purposes only.*

Poultry & Other Fowl:

Added the cost of having a Nutrient Management Plan or Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan developed

Added tagging/banding and tattoo equipment

Value-Added & Marketing:

Added outside (off-farm) processing fees for commercial resale of meat or fiber, as eligible cost-share item

Added third-party farm certifications

Added a new category “Food Safety,” as follows:

- a. Renovation of existing farm structure into appropriate facilities for washing, handling and storing produce (e.g. closing packing houses, installing concrete floors)
- b. Construction, including site preparation of new on-farm facilities for produce washing, handling and storage
- c. Materials to install or upgrade infrastructure related to worker hygiene and wildlife exclusion to ensure Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Compliance (e.g. sinks, hand-washing stations, portables, fencing, deterrent equipment).
- d. Other harvest, washing, handling and storage equipment essential to good agricultural practices that ensure food safety (e.g. harvest totes, drum washers, stainless steel benches and racks, single-use wax boxes)
- e. One-time cost-share on the cost of liability insurance for GAPs-audited farms entering new marketing channels

Exclusions: Construction or improvements to buildings not used for produce washing, handling or storage are not eligible.