

2017 - 2018 TAEP Talking Points

TAEP Schedule

- Distribute TAEP applications: August 15, 2017
- TAEP Application Period: October 1 – 16, 2017
- Mail approval notifications to producers: Mid-December
- Mail reimbursement packets to producers: January 2018
- Livestock Equipment Reimbursement Request Deadline: April 1, 2018
- All other program reimbursement request deadlines: September 1, 2018

Application A – Livestock, Grain, and Hay producers

Livestock Equipment

- Livestock Equipment Reimbursement Deadline – moved from May 1st to April 1st
- Added items:
 - Clover seeder
 - Feed bins – portable bins are now eligible; no minimum capacity
 - Hay unroller and/or windrow bale feeder (not a bale processor)
 - Examples of manufacturers are:
 - Hustler Equipment – windrow bale feeder (UT currently testing)
 - Dew Eze – hay unroller and windrow bale feeder
 - Fly sprayer – must emit a spray onto livestock; rubs are not eligible
 - Examples of manufacturers are:
 - 3-D Quick Hand (will be sold by Co-op)
 - The Cow Sprayer
 - Concrete is only eligible on denoted items – maximum of \$150 reimbursement

Genetics

- Allow for multiple purchases in order to receive program maximum.
- Bulls must test negative for BVD-PI and must have 0.15 minimum EPD accuracy.
- EPD's will be available October 1, 2017 on www.tn.gov/taep.

Livestock Working Facility Cover

- No changes
- Working equipment (squeeze chute, alley, and crowding system) must be arranged in a functional layout under the cover at time of reimbursement. Livestock equipment is not eligible for reimbursement.
- Please note reimbursements are calculated by square footage not by total amount spent; standard producers can receive up to \$2 per square foot and Master producers can receive up to \$3 per square foot.

Hay Storage

- No changes
- Please note reimbursements are calculated by square footage not by total amount spent; standard producers can receive up to \$2 per square foot and Master producers can receive up to \$3 per square foot.

Livestock Feed Storage

- Added items
 - Manure spreaders – no longer “Dairy Only” – available to all Livestock Feed Storage approvals

Grain Storage

- Added items
 - Overhead loadout bins – minimum capacity of 24 tons

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Application B – Producer Diversification

- Honey Bee – lowered bee hive requirement from 20 to 15

Application C – Poultry Grower

- Removed feed bins
- Added biosecurity items

Tips for applying for Application A

- Determine if you meet eligibility requirements – p.3.
- Determine if you meet minimum livestock/acreage requirements for chosen program(s). Minimum requirements are listed at the top of each program page.
- Cattle producers must have current BQA certification at time of application.
- UT Master Producer certification is required at time of reimbursement only if seeking 50% cost share reimbursement.
- Completely fill in all sections of the application form using capital letters and leaving boxes blank to indicate spaces. Please do not write outside of the boxes as paper applications will be electronically scanned.
- Please include your TAEP Producer Number (TPN) on your application. New applicants will not have a TPN until applications are processed.
- If mailing, please make a copy of the application and send using a traceable method of delivery.

Tips for applying for Application B – Producer Diversification

- Review pp. 3 – 5 to determine program eligibility.
- Review producer eligibility requirements for the sector in which you want to apply for.
- Completion of special requirements is required at time of reimbursement only if seeking 50% cost share.
- Research all costs associated with each project and secure cost quotes for each project requested.
- Request a copy of the proposal questionnaire template by emailing producer.diversification@tn.gov. This template provides the required format for preparing your written proposal.
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Tips for applying for Application C – Poultry Grower

- Determine if you meet eligibility requirements – p.3.
- Determine if you meet minimum poultry requirements.
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