

Cost Share Year 2025 Agricultural BMP TAC
Animal Waste Subcommittee
9-22-25 Meeting Agenda
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Smith Room West
Augusta County Government Center
18 Government Center Lane
Verona

- Review of matrix items
- Matrix Item 4A:
 - *Create a new tax credit only BMP specification for decommissioning of a manure pits. The Animal Waste Subcommittee discussed and tabled the cost share request for this last year, however the Subcommittee wanted to consider tax credit only for this practice pending review of a draft specification to be prepared by the Shenandoah Valley Soil & Water Conservation District.*
 - Starting with this matrix item will allow time for any revisions to the draft specification, so that we can review the final version at our second meeting.
- Discuss remaining matrix items.

We will break for lunch when convenient

MATRIX OF ADVANCED ANIMAL WASTE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 (CY25) TAC

Item #	Ag. BMP	Suggestion to the TAC	TAC Recommendations	DCR Supports	FY2027/2028
1A		Update the WP-4LL and WP-4LC specs to allow for a feed lane with manure pack facilities. The description and purpose for both specs specify three distinct areas (feeding area, pack area, and manure storage). The pack area and feeding area combined are being limited to the 75 sq. ft. per AU for manure packs while bedded pack facilities can have a feed lane in addition to the 75 sq. ft. per AU. There is conflicting language between the description/purpose and the cost-share authorized/not authorized sections.			
2A		All the WP-4 feeding specs still say cost share not authorized for manure generated outside of the facility even though clarification language was previously added to the WP-4 spec to say it could be from any qualifying group on the farm. The language from the WP-4 spec should be applied to WP-4B, WP-4SF, WP-4LL, WP-4LC specs.			
3A		Request that the WP-4 specification (B. Policies and Specifications 3. vii) allow for all manure that could be removed from poultry houses during the 180-day storage period be included in the sizing for litter storage facilities. Currently, the number of flocks is being adjusted back to 180 days, resulting in partial flocks being considered for the sizing. The reality is that farmers need space to store the manures for all cleanouts within the 180-day storage period.			
4A		Create a new tax credit only BMP specification for decommissioning of a manure pits. The Animal Waste Subcommittee discussed and tabled the cost share request for this last year, however the Subcommittee wanted to consider tax credit only for this practice pending review of a draft specification to be prepared by the Shenandoah Valley Soil & Water Conservation District.			
5A		WQ-12 should be under the Practices with Two-Program Year completion date carryover section: WQ-12 is a structural practice that includes surveying, an approved design, and contractors to do the work, all of which can be points of backlog for a project preventing it from getting completed in the required timeframe.			

MATRIX OF DEFERRED ANIMAL WASTE RECOMMENDATIONS			
Item #	Ag. BMP	Suggestion to the TAC	Reason for Deferring

MATRIX OF TABLED ANIMAL WASTE RECOMMENDATIONS			
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