DUCKS UNLIMITED

ADVANCING MARKETS FOR PRODUCERS PARTNERSHIP

WHAT IS THIS GRANT PROGRAM?

The Advancing U.S. Pork Sustainability and Market Value grant program provides technical assistance and financial incentives to commodity crop and livestock producers to steward their land. Producers can receive funding and guidance to adopt practices such as cover cropping, temporary fencing, tillage management, manure management, edge-of-field buffers, LED lighting and heat mats through 2028.

WHAT PRACTICES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

COVER CROPS

\$40 per acre annually (\$50 for historically underserved producers). 1-6,000 acres eligible; authorization required for more. 3 or more species required.

LIVESTOCK INTEGRATION

60% coverage for temporary fencing and water structures to graze cover crops.

NO-TILL & STRIP-TILL

\$10 per acre on new acres; \$6 for established no-till.

EDGE-OF-FIELD/PERENNIAL GRASS BUFFERS

\$500 per acre (\$600 for historically underserved

SWINE MANURE MANAGEMENT

Pumping: \$0.0125 per gallon (up to \$12,500). Application: \$6 per acre for manure-applied land (max. 200 acres/year).

IN-BARN LED LIGHTING

80% reimbursement for new LED bulbs in swine barns. Conversion to LED lighting system support dependent on funding.

HEAT MAT REBATE

Up to \$15,000 rebate.





WHAT ARE THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS?

- Pork Cares On-Farm Report: Obtain a secure, confidential snapshot of your on-farm sustainability practices in a clear, concise report.
- **FSA Number:** All participating producers must provide an FSA number when completing their implementation plan and contract.
- **Verification:** Producers must submit documentation for practice verification (e.g., receipts, photos and maps).

HOW IS PAYMENT DISTRIBUTED?

Payments are yearly, with contracts renewable on an annual basis. Payment for each practice varies based on acres and additional requirements.

WHAT STATES ARE ELIGIBLE?

DU Private Lands Biologists will assist producers with in-field practices in Minnesota and Iowa, although this program is also open in Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

MORE QUESTIONS?

Contact your technical advisor for guidance on requirements, standards and verification, or call the National Pork Board at (800) 456-7675.

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