PRODUCER'S GUIDE TO COST-SHARE OPPORTUNITIES IN TENNESSEE

There are a variety of cost-share opportunities and assistance programs available to producers who are actively engaged in production agriculture. Here are the most commonly used programs.

TENNESSEE AGRICULTURAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (TAEP)

The Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP) was established to provide cost share dollars to agricultural producers for the purpose of making long-term investments in Tennessee farms and communities. Options for 35% and 50% cost share are available to producers who meet minimum requirements and apply to one of three areas during the annual application period of October 1st- 7th.

NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

NRCS provides agricultural producers with financial resources and one-on-one help to plan and implement improvements and conservation practices. NRCS offers about 200 practices geared towards working farms, ranches and forests that provide producers with many options for conservation which can lead to cleaner water and air, healthier soil and better wildlife habitat, all while improving agricultural operations.

FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA) PROGRAMS

The Farm Service Agency offers loans to help farmers and ranchers get the financing they need to start, expand or maintain a family farm as well as a variety of programs to help farmers, ranchers, communities, and businesses that have been hard hit by natural disaster events.

AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE FUND (AEF)

The AEF, administered by the TN Department of Agriculture, awards grants to starting or expanding agricultural, food, and forestry businesses; nonprofits, local governments, and other entities in Tennessee. The program focuses on value-added and processing projects that benefit other producers or forest landowners.

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