

Manure/Litter Transportation Incentive

Definition/Purpose

Manure/Litter Transportation means transporting dry litter and dry manure from livestock and poultry farms that lack sufficient land to effectively utilize the animal-derived nutrients. The litter/manure will be properly utilized on alternative land or processed to a value-added product, including energy production, to reduce nutrient impacts. Manure/Litter Transportation Incentive payments shall be limited to 3-years per applicant and \$15,000 in a lifetime. (DIP)

Policies

1. The *generator* of the waste product will be the applicant. A *generator* is an independent or contract poultry or livestock grower, in operation at least 3 years prior to the date of cost share application that produces poultry dry litter or dry manure.
2. To be eligible, the applicant must demonstrate that at least 50% of available cropland, pastureland, and hayland under his/her control has either:
 - a. a soil test phosphorus index greater than or equal to 200 or
 - b. a phosphorus loss potential (per PLAT) of high or very high.

Districts may propose alternative eligibility criteria, subject to approval by the Commission.

3. This incentive shall not be used to transport litter/manure for utilization on sites where the phosphorus loss potential (per PLAT) is rated high or very high.
4. A Manure/Litter Shared Responsibility Agreement must be used with each entity receiving transported litter/manure.
5. Applicants who engage in value-added processing onsite are eligible to receive the incentive. However, a cooperator who receives state cost share for any components of their value-added processing system (e.g., litter or manure composter, pelletizer) is not eligible for the incentive.
6. An applicant may receive cost share for waste storage structures, waste treatment structures, and solids separation systems and remain eligible to receive this incentive. An applicant, who received cost share for application systems previously, may be eligible to receive this incentive.
7. Payments will be based upon the amount of manure/litter transported for offsite use or processing. Requirements for payment include:
 - a. The applicant must present a record of the amount of litter/manure transported to each receiving entity using the DRY 1 form.
 - b. The applicant must present:

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- i. NMP from each entity receiving litter/manure for land application compliant with the NRCS Standard 590 and in accordance with the 1217 Interagency Committee Guidance and/or other applicable rules. A Technical Specialist with the Waste Utilization Planning/ Nutrient Management designation must approve the nutrient management plan.
 - ii. The receiving entity must also provide the applicant with records using the DRY 2 & 3 forms indicating the fields to which litter/manure has been applied and any other records required by 1217 Interagency Committee Guidance and/or other applicable rules. (Receiving entity must be in compliance with all applicable requirements)
 - iii. Certification from each entity receiving litter/manure for processing that the waste has been processed and that the product has been transported from the processing facility for use.
8. Biosecurity measures outlined by the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services must be followed for all transported manure/litter.
9. Minimum life of BMP is one (1) year.
10. BMP soil impact is not required on this BMP. Include the amount of fresh manure in nitrogen and phosphorus units, which will be generated and properly managed under the waste management system. Also include the number of acres affected, animal type, and animal units.

Standards

N.C. NRCS Technical Guide, Section IV, Standard #590 (Nutrient Management), 1217 Interagency Committee Guidance.