



## AgWRAP COOPERATOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Agricultural Water Supply/Reuse Pond



Cooperator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tract/Field: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

The following items provide important information regarding AgWRAP policies pertaining to Agricultural Water Supply/Reuse Ponds. Carefully read through each of the items and initial on the line to acknowledge that you have read and understand the information.

This form should be filled out with the assistance of local Soil and Water Conservation District staff so that they may provide further explanation and answer any questions that arise.

\_\_\_\_\_ The pond is intended to be used for agricultural purposes for the entire **10-year** maintenance period of the contract. **If the pond is no longer used for agriculture during the maintenance period, the cost share contract shall be considered out of compliance and a pro-rated amount of the funds received must be paid back to the State.**

\_\_\_\_\_ The pond will be inspected by Soil and Water Conservation District staff every year to ensure that the pond is being maintained and used for its intended purpose.

\_\_\_\_\_ It is the responsibility of the cooperator to comply with all federal, state and local laws and permit requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ The pond must be designed to meet the specifications listed below based on the hazard classification:

- a) Excavated Ponds < 3 ft deep – NRCS Standard 378
- b) Low Hazard – NRCS Standard 378 **OR** NC Dam Safety Law (15A NCAC 02K .0100)
- c) Intermediate Hazard – NC Dam Safety Law (15A NCAC 02K .0100)
- d) High Hazard – NC Dam Safety Law (15A NCAC 02K .0100)

\_\_\_\_\_ Any pond dam that is classified as Intermediate or High Hazard, pursuant to NC Dam Safety Law, is required to be designed by a **private** engineer.

\_\_\_\_\_ All ponds must be certified by a professional engineer or an individual with appropriate job approval authority.

\_\_\_\_\_ The information recorded on the Preliminary Site Assessment and Site Characteristics forms is subject to change with the final engineering design

\_\_\_\_\_ Lack of suitable borrow material in the near vicinity of the proposed pond site may result in additional expense to haul material.



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- \_\_\_\_\_ The special conditions noted on the Site Characteristics form may result in excessive construction costs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Obtaining and maintaining irrigation equipment is the responsibility of the cooperator, for all ponds built for irrigation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A method for distributing the water from the pond for agricultural use **must** be available.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Livestock shall be excluded from the pond, if applicable. In cases of emergency, cooperators may contact their Soil and Water Conservation District and request a temporary exception.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The pond shall not be used as a commercial aquaculture production pond.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A signed Operation and Maintenance Plan for Agricultural Water Supply/Reuse Ponds is required.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative solutions to address the inadequate water supply resource concern will be considered and evaluated.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The AgWRAP cost share rates for Agricultural Water Supply/Reuse Pond CONSTRUCTION are as follows:

Applicant Type	Cost Share Rate	Maximum Reimbursement
Standard	75% of actual costs per receipts	\$43,500
New or Limited Resource Farmer*	90% of actual costs per receipts	\$52,200
Enhanced Voluntary Agriculture District#		

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The AgWRAP cost share rates for using a PRIVATE ENGINEER to prepare designs for an Agricultural Water Supply/Reuse Pond are as follows:

Classification of Pond	Applicant Type	Cost Share Rate	Maximum Reimbursement
Low Hazard Embankment	Standard	75% of actual costs per receipts	\$7,500
	New or Limited Resource Farmer*	90% of actual costs per receipts	\$9,000
	Enhanced Voluntary Agriculture District <sup>#</sup>		
Intermediate Hazard Embankment or High Hazard Embankment	Standard	75% of actual costs per receipts	\$10,000
	New or Limited Resource Farmer* Enhanced Voluntary Agriculture District <sup>#</sup>	90% of actual costs per receipts	\$12,000

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I intend to use the following engineering assistance:

- I plan to hire my own private engineer
- I request technical assistance from the District and/or Division

I acknowledge by my signature below that I have read and understand the policies listed above.

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_