



Pond Sediment Removal Cooperator Acknowledgment Form



Cooperator Name: _____ Phone: _____
Tract/Field: _____ County: _____
Type of Operation: _____ Date: _____

The following items provide important information regarding cost share program policies pertaining to Agricultural Pond Sediment Removal projects. The cooperator should read through each of the items and initial on the line to acknowledge that they have read and understand the information.

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

_____ **No activities that may threaten the integrity of the dam are allowed**, including but not limited to: removal of sediment from the face, base or vicinity of the dam; deposition of spoil on the dam; removal of vegetation from the dam; or any modification to the auxiliary spillway or principal spillway.

_____ Pond level drawdown rates should not exceed 1 foot per week for slopes of clay or silt material.

_____ An assessment of sediment sources and options for minimizing sedimentation shall be provided to the cooperator by technical services staff.

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

_____ For an individual pond, cooperators are eligible to receive cost share assistance for either Agriculture Pond Repair/Retrofit **OR** Agricultural Pond Sediment Removal, but not both.

_____ Cost share will be based on actual cost, with receipts required and not to exceed the cap.

_____ All ponds repairs/retrofits must be designed and certified by a professional engineer or an individual with appropriate job approval authority.

_____ Existing structures may require upgrades to meet current standards. A qualified engineer shall make a determination after an evaluation of the entire pond system.

_____ Under no circumstance shall livestock have access to the dam or auxiliary spillway.

_____ A sediment removal plan is required to ensure proper sediment removal, maintaining stable side slopes and protecting the dam. This plan must be developed by a professional engineer or individual with appropriate job approval authority.

_____ The cooperator is ineligible to reapply for sediment removal for this pond for a 10-year period.

I intend to use the following 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: _____