

# Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program



## 2023 Licensed Large Animal Veterinarian Equipment Application Application Period October 1 – 7, 2023

### Cost Share Information

% Large Animal (cattle, goats, and sheep only)	Cost Share	Maximum
10 – 30%	50%	\$2,500
30 – 49%	50%	\$4,000
50 – 100%	50%	\$5,000

### Application and Reimbursement Schedule

Program	Application Period	Anticipated Approval Announcement	Reimbursement Request Deadline
Veterinarian Equipment	October 1 – 7, 2023	Mid-December	April 1, 2024

### Basic Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be a Tennessee resident.
- Applicant must have a current Tennessee Veterinarian license (level 2 accreditation).
- Applicant must have an active practice located in Tennessee dealing with cattle, goats, and/or sheep. Percentage of large animal applies to the applicant, not the clinic. Only one application per clinic is allowed.
- Equipment purchased must be located in Tennessee.
- Applicant must have the ability and financial capacity to complete the project.

# Program Requirements

## Application

1. Applications must be submitted during the application period October 1 – 7, 2023.
2. Applications are not accepted by fax, email, or text.
3. Applications are ineligible if postmarked or received prior to October 1 and after October 7, 2023.
4. Applicant will be notified in writing of approval or disapproval.

## Reimbursement

1. Receipts dated prior to October 1, 2023 are not eligible. **All items, regardless of backorder status, must be purchased by the program reimbursement deadline.** Backordered items may be ineligible for cost share if not delivered to the farm by the program deadline.
2. Receipts must be in the name of the applicant approved for cost share funding. Quotes and purchase orders do not represent a purchase and are not considered receipts. Proof of payment may be requested to verify purchase.
3. Receipts for in-kind services are not eligible. Trade-in value is not eligible.
4. Used equipment, used materials, and leased equipment are not eligible for cost share reimbursement unless otherwise noted.
5. Labor provided by applicant is not eligible for cost share reimbursement. Labor is for structures only.
6. Applicant cannot be reimbursed for purchases from a business where applicant participates in ownership (producer cooperatives excluded).
7. Applicants cannot combine projects or attach items to another applicant's project. Applicants cannot submit multiple reimbursement requests for the same purchased item.
8. Reimbursement documentation must be postmarked by the reimbursement request deadline. Additional processing time is required for incomplete requests and requests submitted within one month of the program deadline. It is recommended you submit your reimbursement request as soon as your project is completed.
9. There can only be one reimbursement payment per program approval. Projects must be completed by reimbursement deadline.

## Verification

1. Applicant must utilize equipment and structures reimbursed with cost share funds for the intended purpose of the program for a minimum of five (5) continuous years from date of purchase. Applicants who fail to comply with minimum use requirements may be required to repay any portion of or all of the funds distributed to them under TAEP.
2. Site visits relating to the performance of the project before, during, and after completion may take place. Site visits may include verification of cost share guidelines and program eligibility to ensure applicants meet eligibility and minimum livestock/acreage requirements for chosen program(s).
3. Failure to comply with all aspects of the cost share guidelines may result in denial of applicant approval, denial of reimbursement payments, repayment of cost share funds, and/or suspension from future TAEP funding cycles.
4. Providing any false, fraudulent, or misleading information may result in suspension of the applicant's operation, civil litigation, and/or criminal prosecution.

## Tennessee Department of Agriculture may:

- Accept, modify, or reject any or all applications or requests.
- Modify program criteria, approval, and payment processes.
- Request additional information from the applicant.
- Provide partial funding that may be less than the full amount requested.
- Deny payments for projects that do not meet requirements.

### TAEP Contact Information

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**2023 Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program  
Licensed Large Animal Veterinarian Equipment Cost Share**  
Application Deadline: October 7, 2023

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

*Please Type or Print Clearly*

<b>Last Name:</b>		<b>First Name:</b>		<b>Middle:</b>	
<b>USDA (6 digit) Accreditation#:</b>					
<b>Name of Veterinary Clinic:</b>				<b>Tax ID# (SSN or EIN):</b>	
<b>Clinic Mailing Address:</b>			<b>City:</b>		<b>State:</b>
					<b>Zip Code:</b>
<b>Clinic Physical Address:</b>			<b>City:</b>		<b>State:</b>
					<b>Zip Code:</b>
<b>Clinic Phone#:</b>		<b>Secondary Phone#:</b>		<b>Clinic County:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>					

**Cost Share Information**

<b>% Large Animal* (cattle, goats, and sheep only)</b>	<b>COST SHARE</b>	<b>MAXIMUM</b>
10 – 30%	50%	\$2,500
31 – 49%	50%	\$4,000
50 – 100%	50%	\$5,000

*\* Percentage applies to the applicant, not the clinic. Only one application per clinic is allowed.*

**Clinic Information**

<b>What percentage of the applicant's work as a veterinarian involves large animal (cattle, goats, and sheep)?</b>	
<b>What percentage of the clinic involves large animal (cattle, goats, and sheep)?</b>	
<b>Is your practice at a clinic or mobile only?</b>	

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## ELIGIBLE ITEMS – NEW ONLY

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Head gate</li> <li>➤ Squeeze chute (<i>carriage also eligible</i>)</li> <li>➤ Palpation cage</li> <li>➤ Alleyway</li> <li>➤ Loading chute</li> <li>➤ Crowding tub</li> <li>➤ Corral Panels</li> <li>➤ Large animal scale</li> <li>➤ Gates - interior use only; <i>must be installed at time of reimbursement</i></li> <li>➤ Cow lift – <i>to humanely move non-ambulatory animals</i></li> <li>➤ Calving Aids – <i>devices used to assist in delivery</i></li> <li>➤ Radio frequency readers – <i>must be capable of reading animal identification approved by USDA</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Electro ejaculator and leads</li> <li>➤ Semen collection device and holder</li> <li>➤ Microscope</li> <li>➤ Warming stage for cold weather</li> <li>➤ Ultrasound and accessories – <i>must be at least 50% large animal (cattle, goats, and sheep)</i></li> <li>➤ Equipment for small ruminant artificial insemination – <i>examples include, but are not limited to, laparoscope, endoscope, cradle, and semen tank</i></li> <li>➤ Mobile veterinary unit inserts</li> <li>➤ Portable lab equipment for on farm testing – <i>must be at least 50% large animal (cattle, goats, and sheep)</i></li> </ul> |
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## APPLICANT AGREEMENT

- *I warrant that I have carefully read and understand this application booklet and all requirements, guidelines, and criteria contained therein.*
- *I understand that it is solely my responsibility to ensure my project is eligible for TAEP funding and that failure to comply with all TAEP requirements, guidelines, and criteria may result in denial of my application, denial of any or all reimbursement payments, repayment of cost share funds, and/or suspension from TAEP.*
- *I certify that all information provided by me is complete, true, and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.*
- *I understand that providing any false, fraudulent, or misleading information to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture may result in suspension of my operation from TAEP, civil litigation, and/or criminal prosecution.*

**Veterinarian Signature:**

**Date:**

## APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 7, 2023

- Review each application section for completeness.
- Faxes and emails are not accepted.
- It is recommended to make a copy and mail the original using a traceable method of delivery.
- Applications must be postmarked October 1-7, 2023.
- Applicant will be notified in writing of approval or denial of application.

**Mail to:**

**TN Department of Agriculture  
TAEP – Veterinarian Cost Share  
P.O. Box 40627  
Nashville, TN 37204**

## TAEP CONTACT INFORMATION

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