

TAEP Hay Storage

2025-2026 TAEP Application A

50% Cost Share – Maximum Reimbursement - \$7,000

Reimbursement is based on eligible project amount up to maximum per square foot. Square footage is calculated post to post. *Overhang is not eligible in calculating square footage.*

No Lifetime Limit

This program no longer has a lifetime limit.

Applicant Responsibility

It is the applicant's responsibility to review all TAEP program requirements prior to applying for cost share. Applicant must qualify for program selected at time of application to be considered for approval.

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Minimum Requirements

Cattle – 30 head **or** Equids – 20 head **or** Goats/Sheep – 50 head **or** Hay – 100 acres in production (first cutting only)

Applicant must meet at least **one** of the minimum requirements of head of livestock **or** hay acres in production for program. *Head of Livestock = maximum number of single type, regardless of sex or age, at any one time during the last 12 months. Equids (horses, donkeys, and/or mules) must be part of a commercial equine business (breeding, training, and/or boarding) to qualify. Goats/sheep can be combined to meet minimum head requirement. Acreage can be owned or leased in Tennessee. Applicant may be required to list location of acres at time of reimbursement. Verification of minimum requirements may be requested prior to approval.*

Eligible Items & Requirements

Hay Storage – structure for the use of hay storage only

Requirements

- **Standalone center structure only**
 - Structure must be new construction pole or hoop style barn
 - At least one side/end must be completely open
 - Ø **Additions in the form of side sheds or extensions are not eligible**
 - Ø **Carport/Garage type structures are not eligible**
 - Sides/walls are optional
- **Minimum of 1,200 sq. ft.**
 - Loft or 2nd level will not be considered in total square footage of structure
 - Square footage is calculated post to post
- **Minimum 14 ft. eave height**

[Hay Storage Examples](#)

Eligible Material & Labor

- New lumber/metal – braces, framing, posts (min. 6”), roof, sides, trusses; **not eligible – galvanized metal tubing**
- New polymer coated fabric – roof and siding for hoop style barn
- Labor for construction of hay storage structure
 - Labor must be itemized on invoice
 - *Labor provided by applicant is not eligible*

Reimbursement Maximum Per Square Foot

\$4.00/sq. ft. maximum reimbursement

[Hay Storage Payment Worksheet](#)

Common ineligible costs include fees, flooring (concrete, gravel and/or geotextile), material overrun costs, project management fees, pallet charges, sales tax, site preparation, and surcharges. Invoice revisions will not be accepted.

Ineligible Items – Most commonly requested

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| Ø Adding metal, lumber, siding, etc. to an existing structure | Ø Doors – walk through and drive through | Ø Loft and/or 2nd level |
| Ø Additions in the form of side sheds or extensions are not eligible | Ø Extensions of existing structures | Ø Materials & labor for the installation of electrical/plumbing service |
| Ø Building walls on an existing structure | Ø Fees – of any kind including material overrun, pallet, project management, etc. | Ø Material overrun costs |
| Ø Carports/garage type structures, shipping containers | Ø Flooring – concrete, gravel and/or geotextile | Ø Pallet charges/fees |
| Ø Clearing land/site preparation | Ø Freight/shipping fee – other than building materials | Ø Project management fees |
| Ø Completely enclosed buildings | Ø Fuel surcharge | Ø Renovations of existing structures |
| Ø Concrete – if used for flooring | Ø Geotextile | Ø Sales tax |
| Ø Corral panels and gates | Ø Gravel/rock | Ø Shipping containers |
| | Ø Gutters | Ø Side sheds |
| | Ø Insulation in walls | Ø Structures not listed as eligible within TAEP guidelines are ineligible |
| | Ø Invoice revisions | Ø Tarps |
| | Ø Labor provided by the applicant | Ø Used materials |
| | | Ø Windows |

Reimbursement Request Deadline – August 1, 2026

Allowable purchase dates for Hay Storage are from October 1, 2025 – August 1, 2026.

All items, regardless of backorder status, must be purchased (paid in full or financed) by the program reimbursement deadline. *Backordered items may be ineligible for cost share if not delivered to the farm by the program deadline.*

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.

See “Reimbursement Requirements” link at the top of the page for more information.

Email hay.storage@tn.gov for additional information.

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