

TAEF Livestock Equipment

2025-2026 TAEF Application A

50% Cost Share – Maximum Reimbursement - \$2,000

The amount of payment is based upon 50% of expenses incurred for eligible program items up to the program maximum.

Applicant Responsibility

It is the applicant's responsibility to review all TAEF 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

Applicant must meet at least **one** of the minimum requirements of head of livestock 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. Verification of minimum requirements may be requested prior to approval.

Eligible Items & Requirements

NEW EQUIPMENT ONLY

New items cannot be previously owned.

Items purchased at an auction are considered used and are not eligible.

Replacement parts are not eligible.

1. Alley frame
2. Alleyway
3. Animal scale/indicator
4. Automatic cube pellet feeder/cake feeder
5. Concrete bunk feeder (3) — minimum purchase of three (3)
6. Continuous pipe panel (10) — **minimum purchase of ten (10)**; must be installed at the time of reimbursement
7. Corral panel (10) — **minimum purchase of ten (10)**; heavy duty; portable panel, gate in frame/bow gate
8. Corral panel trailer — must be able to carry a minimum of 10 portable corral panels: **not eligible – flat bed trailers**
9. Creep feeder — creep pen optional at time of purchase only; **not eligible – creep panel**
10. Crowding/sweep tub/bud box
11. Equine stock — **not eligible – stalls and stall fronts**
12. Feed bin — gravity or auger flow only; *Large feed bin see Livestock Solutions*
13. Feed lot scraper — skid steer/tractor mounted pusher blade/rubber attachment or pull behind scraper for cleaning heavy use feeding area
14. Feeder panel (3) — minimum purchase of three (3); slant bar panel; **not eligible – creep panel**

15. Hay unroller — **not eligible – bale spears, truck flat beds**
16. Hay elevator — min. 16 ft; **not eligible – extensions to existing hay elevator**
17. Head gate
18. Loading chute for semi-trailer
19. Palpation cage
20. Pasture drag/harrow —for the purpose of manure distribution in the pasture; must be commercially manufactured
21. Pasture gate — **minimum purchase of (3)**; min. 8 ft; heavy duty; must be installed at time of reimbursement; **not eligible – gate in frame/bow gate**
22. Pasture sprayer — 200 gal. min. tank capacity; PTO, shaft, or hydraulic drive
23. Rolling block door/alley back stop
24. Self-unloading inline hay trailer
25. Sheep wool shear — min. 3 in. wide head, min. 2,000 RPM; must be defined by manufacturer for sheep wool
26. Sheep/goat automatic milk feeding machine
27. Sheep/goat fitting stand
28. Slant bar hay feeder on skids/wheels—feeder must be on skids/wheels at time of purchase, cover optional at time of purchase; **not eligible – hay rings/feeders not on skids/wheels**
29. Squeeze chute — carriage optional at time of squeeze chute purchase
30. Stall mat — heavy duty; can be a single mat or interlocking mats
31. Tilt/roll table or hoof trimming table/chute
32. Ultrasound — accessories eligible at time of ultrasound purchase
33. Wick applicator/wiper — tractor/ATV attachment/mounted only

MINIMUM PURCHASE REQUIRED

The following items require a minimum number of items to be purchased to qualify for cost share reimbursement.

- Item# 5: Concrete bunk feeder (3) — **minimum purchase of three (3)**
Item# 6: Continuous pipe panel (10) — **minimum purchase of ten (10)**
Item# 7: Corral panel (10) — **minimum purchase of ten (10)**
Item# 14: Feeder panel (3) — **minimum purchase of three (3)**
Item# 21: Pasture gate (3) — **minimum purchase of three (3)**

Reimbursement Request Deadline – April 1, 2026

Allowable purchase dates for Livestock Equipment are from October 1, 2025 – April 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.

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