

TAEP Working Structures & Fence-line Systems

Overview

2025-2026 TAEP Application A

50% Cost Share – Maximum Reimbursement - \$5,000*

* December 2025 – cost share maximum increased from \$4,000 to \$5,000

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

Permanent Working Cover 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.

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** 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. Goats/sheep can be combined to meet minimum head requirement. Verification of minimum requirements may be requested prior to approval.

Project Overview

Below is a summary of eligible projects within this program. *Complete program information is available by clicking on the project title.*

1. [Permanent Working Cover](#) —the purpose of this structure is to cover permanent livestock working equipment (alley, crowding system area, and head gate and/or squeeze chute). **Livestock working equipment is required to be permanently installed under cover at time of reimbursement request to be eligible for cost share.** *Livestock equipment is not eligible for cost share under Working Structures program.*

The completed project must show:

- Livestock working equipment permanently installed in a functional layout under the cover
- Livestock access/movement from outside flowing into the covered crowding system area

2. [Permanent Working Pen](#) — the purpose of this pen is to receive, separate, wean, and/or hold livestock prior to working and/or loading. Pen must be **permanent** and all four sides must be new construction.
3. [Fence-line Concrete Bunk Feeding System](#) — this system allows feed to be placed into concrete bunks located within a **fence-line**, as opposed to in-field feeding, improving safety and efficiency.

The completed project must:

- Feature new items: j-style concrete bunks, cable/railing, & concrete pad
- Be built outdoors within a fence-line (new or existing) with access from a road or farm lot

4. [Fence-line Hay Feeding System](#) — this system allows hay bales to be placed into a feeding area located within a **fence-line**, as opposed to in-field feeding, improving safety and efficiency.

The completed project must:

- Feature new items: feeder panels, posts, concrete pad, & optional gate
- Be built outdoors within a fence-line (new or existing) with access from a road or farm lot

Reimbursement Request Deadline – August 1, 2026

Allowable purchase dates for Working Structures & Fence-line Systems 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 working.structures@tn.gov for additional information.

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