

TAEF Genetics – Goats/Sheep – Bred Does & Ewes

2026-2027 TAEF Application A

50% Cost Share – Maximum Reimbursement - \$3,000

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

Goats/Sheep – 50 head

Applicant must meet minimum requirement of head of livestock for program.

Head of Livestock = maximum number of single type, regardless of sex or age, 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.

Eligible Items

Buyer must communicate with the seller prior to purchasing to ensure the bred doe/ewe meets all TAEF eligibility requirements. *Bred does/ewes that do not meet all eligibility requirements between October 1, 2026 and **date of purchase** will be denied cost share reimbursement.*

1. Bred does — \$500 per doe

2. Bred ewes — \$500 per ewe

Qualifications

1. Stewardship Information — *Producer Affidavit required*

a. Official USDA permanent identification — must be individually and permanently identified with Scrapie tag, microchip, or breed registry identification

b. Ownership — seller name, address, and phone number

c. Sale information — price and sale date

d. Age — maximum of 24 months at time of purchase

e. Service Sire (AI or natural) — buck or ram

AI service sire — attach parentage or semen catalog data

Natural service sire — attach parentage

Buck (parentage required)

Ram (RR & NN genotype results and parentage required)

2. Preventative Health — *Producer Affidavit required*

a. Dewormed — required

Ewes — RR & NN Genomic test is suggested

Flock health program with local veterinarian is suggested

3. Current and Reproductive Health — Veterinarian Affidavit required

a. Official USDA permanent identification — must be individually and permanently identified with Scrapie tag, microchip, or breed registry identification

b. Veterinarian name, clinic, and phone number

c. Pregnancy status — minimum of 45 days bred at date of purchase

Requirements — Bred Does & Ewes

1. Producer Affidavit and pedigrees — form(s) must be completed by seller

a. Service Sire(s) — must attach *parentage* or semen catalog data

2. Veterinarian Affidavit — form(s) must be completed by veterinarian

- Affidavit forms are available by emailing livestock.equipment@tn.gov. Forms are also available from Tennessee licensed veterinarians and included in TAEP Genetics – Goats & Sheep reimbursement packet.
- Affidavits allow up to six (6) bred does/ewes with consistent management and breeding to be listed on each form. List all IDs, birth date range, and range of days pregnant.

Reimbursement Request Deadline – June 1, 2027

Allowable purchase dates for Genetics are from October 1, 2026 – June 1, 2027.

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.

Email livestock.genetics@tn.gov for additional information.

Visit www.tn.gov/taep to learn more about TAEP.