

TAEF Hay Storage

2026-2027 TAEF Application A

50% Cost Share – Maximum Reimbursement - \$8,000

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 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 **or** Hay – 50 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, 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

- **Center Structure**
 - Structure must be new construction pole or hoop style barn
 - At least one end/side of the structure must be completely open
 - *Optional – sides/walls to center structure*
 - *Optional – side sheds to center structure*
 - Ø **Carport/garage type structures are not eligible**
- **Addition (side shed or extension)** to existing structure
 - Side shed or extension must meet minimum requirements for sq. ft. & eave height
 - Side shed must have minimum width of 20 ft.
 - Ø **Carport/garage type structures are not eligible**
- **Minimum of 1,200 sq. ft.**
 - Square footage is calculated post to post
- **Minimum 14 ft. eave height**

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 Fees – of any kind including material overrun, pallet, project management, etc. | Ø Materials & labor for the installation of electrical/plumbing service |
| Ø Building walls on an existing structure | Ø Flooring – concrete, gravel and/or geotextile | Ø Material overrun costs |
| Ø Carports/garage type structures, shipping containers | Ø Freight/shipping fee – other than building materials | Ø Pallet charges/fees |
| Ø Clearing land/site preparation | Ø Fuel surcharge | Ø Project management fees |
| Ø Completely enclosed buildings | Ø Geotextile | Ø Renovations of existing structures |
| Ø Concrete – if used for flooring | Ø Gravel/rock | Ø Sales tax |
| Ø Corral panels and gates | Ø Gutters | Ø Shipping containers |
| Ø Doors – walk through and drive through | 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 Loft and/or 2nd level | Ø Windows |

Reimbursement Request Deadline – August 1, 2027

Allowable purchase dates for Hay Storage are from October 1, 2026 – August 1, 2027.

All items, regardless of back-order status, must be purchased (paid in full or financed) by the program reimbursement deadline. *Back-ordered 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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