

TAEF Livestock Equipment

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

Cattle – 30 head **or** Equids – 20 head **or** Goats/Sheep – 50 head **or** Swine – 100 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 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. Automatic waterer – commercially manufactured for livestock; **not eligible – water trough with float valve secured to hose**
6. Concrete bunk feeder (3) — minimum purchase of three (3)
7. Continuous pipe panel (10) — **minimum purchase of ten (10)**; must be installed
8. Corral panel (10) — **minimum purchase of ten (10)**; heavy duty; portable or standalone panel, gate in frame/bow gate
9. Corral panel trailer — must be able to carry a minimum of 10 portable corral panels: **not eligible – flat bed trailers**
10. Creep feeder — creep pen optional at time of purchase only; **not eligible – creep panel**
11. Crowding/sweep tub/bud box
12. Equine stock — **not eligible – stalls and stall fronts**
13. Feed bin — gravity or auger flow only; *large feed bin (9 tons or more) see Farming Solutions*
14. Feed lot scraper — skid steer/tractor mounted pusher blade/rubber attachment or pull behind scraper for cleaning heavy use feeding area

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

MINIMUM PURCHASE REQUIRED

- Item# 6: Concrete bunk feeder (3) — **minimum purchase of three (3)**
Item# 7: Continuous pipe panel (10) — **minimum purchase of ten (10)**
Item# 8: Corral panel (10) — **minimum purchase of ten (10)**
Item# 15: Feeder panel (3) — **minimum purchase of three (3)**
Item# 23: Pasture gate (3) — **minimum purchase of three (3)**

Reimbursement Request Deadline – April 1, 2027

Allowable purchase dates for Livestock Equipment are from October 1, 2026 – April 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.

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 livestock.equipment@tn.gov for additional information.

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