

Federal and State Cost Share Practices for Poultry Farms

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, through the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the states of Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia offer financial assistance to chicken growers for a variety of environmental and stewardship programs. Surprisingly, quite a few chicken growers are not aware of these assistance programs and in some cases, have never heard of the Natural Resources Conservation Service or their state's network of soil conservation districts.

With so many looming environmental challenges facing chicken farms, due to the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load program, President Obama's May 2009 Chesapeake Bay Executive Order, federal legislation to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Program in the Clean Water Act, requirements for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, and state nutrient management laws and regulations, it is worthwhile to be aware of the many programs available to provide technical assistance on the installation of these environmental programs and to know that money is available to offset growers' costs.

Here are some the things that these programs can help you with. **Each item may not be available in each state or federal program, but this list gives you some idea of what types of practices are eligible for cost-share assistance for the chicken growing portion of local farms.** Additionally, there are many practices related to crop production, irrigation, pest management, and forestry that are not listed here.

Chicken Production Practices

- Development of nutrient management plans
- Development of comprehensive nutrient management plans
- Manure storage structures
- Carcass composters
- End-of-chicken house heavy use area protection pads
- Vegetative Environmental Buffers (trees around chicken houses)
- In-house litter amendments
- Between flocks, in-house windrowing of litter

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Dover, Delaware 19901-4667

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Accomac Service Center

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Accomac, Virginia 23301

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