

Resource Program Enhancement & Protection

REAP is a PA Dept of Ag program to give landowners financial help with the cost of installing conservation practices. The “help” comes in the form of tax credits on their PA state taxes.



Resource Enhancement & Protection Program

What is REAP?

- 1) Through the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Program, farmers, landowner, and b
- 2) REAP is a first-come, first-served program – no rankings. The program is administered by the Sta

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- 3) Eligible applicants receive either 50% or 75% of project cost in the form of State tax credits for
- 4) The tax credits can be used incrementally (as needed) for up to 15 years to pay PA state income

What do farmers need to have in order to be eligible for REAP?

Agricultural operations must have a current and up-to-date:

Conservation Plan or Agricultural E&S Plan on all acres that are under managerial control at the time

Either a Nutrient Management Plan (for a CAO or CAFO) or Manure Management Plan – required

The written plans must be on-schedule for full implementation in order to be considered “current”.

What kinds of conservation projects are eligible for REAP tax credits?

Tax credits for 75% of eligible costs include the following:

Conservation/Ag E&S Plans, Nutrient Management/Manure Management Plans

BMPs for Animal Concentration Areas (ACAs) and barnyard runoff, stream bank fencing with 50 f

REAP Tax credits for 50% of eligible costs include:

Any Commission approved BMP or equipment necessary to reduce existing sediment and nutri

Stream bank fencing with 35 foot riparian buffers (grassed or forested).

REAP is different than the traditional conservation program.

- 1) Tax credits are issued after the installation of the practices or purchase of the no till equipment
- 2) No “double-dipping”. Money received from state or federal cost share programs cannot be i
- 3) A huge possibility often overlooked is that a farm can use a sponsor who pays for the conserv

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