2025 CAIP Incentive Area Guidelines:
AgTech & Leadership Development

*These guidelines represent one of 11 incentive areas within the **County Agricultural Incentives Program (CAIP)** to provide Kentucky agricultural producers cost-share assistance on practices that increase net farm income and opportunities to try new/innovative technologies or systems that improve farm efficiency and productivity.*

Funded participants shall adhere to all local, state, and federal rules and regulations.

A. Precision Agriculture

Eligible Cost-Share Items:

1. GPS Monitor/Receiver **75%**
2. GPS Light Bar/Guidance System **75%**
3. GPS Yield Monitor **75%**
4. Spatial Analysis Software/Training (Registration Only) **75%**
5. Computer GPS Hardware **50%**
6. Variable Rate Application Control Equipment **75%**
7. Services related to Spatial Management **75%**

B. Animal Data Management

Eligible Cost-Share Items:

1. Scale Head **75%**
2. Readers (Panels, Loops, Wands, and Portals) **75%**
3. Management Programs (e.g. DHIA, Farm Business Analysis) **75%**
4. RFID Tags (e.g. CPH45 tags) **75%**
5. Carcass and/or Feed Efficiency Data Collection through a KADB approved vendor **75%**

C. Farm Safety

Eligible Cost-Share Items:

1. Farm Implement Safety: fire extinguisher, lights, PTO cover, replacement tractor seat with belt, signage, sirens, seat belt/rollover bars, safety switches and rollover bar canopies for farm implements only, tractor steps with handrails for safety **75%**
2. Personal Protective Gear: gloves, dust mask, half/full face respirators, helmets, face shields/accessories (including filter cartridges), forced air pumps/batteries, chaps, metatarsal guards, reflective vest, ear protection, and muffs **75%**
3. Grain Bin Safety: safety harness & lifeline; grain bin lockout/tag out (LOTO) system **75%**

D. Computer Hardware and Record Management Software

Eligible Cost-Share Items:

1. Software: Accounting, Database/Inventory Management, Tax Preparation, or other recordkeeping/financial management software **50%**
2. The cost of participation in the Kentucky Farm Business Analysis Program **50%**
3. The cost of membership in a producer-owned marketing cooperative **50%**

E. Miscellaneous Equipment

Eligible Cost Share Items:

1. Drones for agricultural purposes – the following requirements must be met: **50%**

    a. Have remote pilot certificate;

    b. Register drone with FAA and display the N-number on aircraft; and,

    c. CAIP educational component MUST BE related to drone operation for agriculture.

2. Field Meters – pH, refractometer (Brix-meter), moisture, ERGS, ORP/Oxygen, Sodium, NPK: to monitor nutrients, etc. **75%**

F. Leadership Development

Prerequisites:

Applicant must provide proof of enrollment/acceptance, as well as contact information of the leadership program coordinator

Applicant must provide an invoice/letter from leadership program coordinator and a copy of cancelled check for the full amount of the program

Eligible Cost-Share Items:

The cost of tuition for one adult leadership program, up to a maximum of $1,000 **25%**
Eligible programs include but are not limited to the following:

- Leadership Kentucky
- Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program
- Commodity Organization Leadership Programs
  (e.g. Kentucky Cattlemen's Leadership Program)
- Kentucky Entrepreneurial Coaches Institute
- Regional Leadership Programs
  (e.g. Leadership East Kentucky or Northern Kentucky Leadership Foundation)
- County Leadership Programs
- County Agricultural Leadership Programs