

2025 CAIP Incentive Area Guidelines: FORAGE & GRAIN IMPROVEMENT



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. Forage, Pasture, and Grain Production

Prerequisites:

- Only Certified, Plant Variety Protected (PVP) or Proprietary varieties will be acceptable for cost-share (see list of approved varieties).
In addition, these varieties should have documented performance in university trials such as those conducted by the UK College of Agriculture, Food & Environment. Other varieties will be considered with documentation of performance upon written request to UK through the County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources.
- The variety must be specified on the receipt.
- **A soil test**, taken within the last 12 months, shall be conducted and recommendations followed prior to seed application.
- **Clover:** If soil pH is below 5.0, then clover seeding should be delayed by six (6) months after lime application. **Alfalfa:** If soil pH is below 5.5, then seeding must be delayed by one year after limestone application.

Eligible Cost-share Items:

1. **Forage/Pasture Seed: Only varieties specified in the Seed List (Appendix A) are eligible. 50%**
 - a. Clover – red and white
 - b. Alfalfa
 - c. **Summer Perennial Forages**
 - i. Bermuda grass
 - ii. Big Bluestem
 - iii. Eastern Gamma Grass
 - iv. Caucasian Bluestem
 - v. Indiangrass
 - vi. Lespedeza
 - vii. Switchgrass
 - d. **Cool Season Forages**
 - i. Endophyte-free Fescue
 - ii. Festulolium
 - iii. Kentucky Bluegrass
 - iv. Novel Endophyte Fescue
 - v. Orchardgrass
 - vi. Timothy
 - e. **Other Crops for FORAGE and GRAZING purposes only**
 - i. Annual Ryegrass (*Lolium multiflorum*)
 - ii. Barley
 - iii. Brassicas (i.e. turnips)
 - iv. Buckwheat
 - v. Cereal rye (*Secale cereale*)
 - vi. Corn (less than 10 acres)
 - vii. Oats
 - viii. Sorghum-Sudangrass
 - ix. Soybean
 - x. Sudangrass
 - xi. Triticale
 - xii. Wheat
2. Inoculants for legume seeds and for ensiling **50%**
3. Hay testing, hay moisture tester **75%**
4. Specialized spraying equipment (*not self-propelled*), including weed wiper/wicker **50%**
5. Broadcaster seeder/spreader; seed hopper/tender **50%**
6. Custom Services: Seeding; Spraying for pasture/hayland weed suppression (*excludes chemicals*) **50%**
7. **Rental** of no-till drill, pasture renovator, spray equipment, or any item listed in Section B. **50%**

8. Rental of land clearing equipment or custom land clearing services for agricultural purposes, *seeding is not required* **50%**
Note: Participants intending to use this cost-share item who also participate in USDA programs should contact FSA to ensure compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation Compliance, which is required for USDA program compliance. FSA will forward requests to NRCS for evaluation.
9. Rotational Grazing Starter Kit: Can include solar charger, temporary ground rod, up to 100 temporary/moveable posts, high conductivity polywire/fencing, voltmeter/fence tester, grazing stick, electric fencing manual **75%**
10. Cost of participation in a master-level agricultural education program (e.g. Master Grazer, etc.) **75%**

Exclusions/Limitations:

- Soil test must be followed, but cost-share is not allowed on fertilizer or soil amendments.
- Only labor provided through a custom seeding service is eligible for reimbursement, labor for using rental equipment is not reimbursable.
- **Beginning in 2010**, all transport equipment was removed as eligible cost-share items from all incentive areas. This exclusion includes trailers, wagons, and carts with the primary function of transportation.

B. Commodity Handling and Forage Equipment

Prerequisites:

- Commodity Handling & Forage Equipment recipients are required to retain ownership and maintenance of equipment for at least five years.
- Producers shall retain adequate insurance coverage to replace any and all equipment funded through this program. *Proof of insurance may be requested by the program administrator at the time of reimbursement or during a site visit.*

Eligible Cost-share Items*:

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| 1. Bale accumulators 50% | 10. Hay rake 50% |
| 2. Bale kickers 50% | 11. Hay rings 50% |
| 3. Bale wrappers/Forage Baggers 50% | 12. Hay tedder 50% |
| 4. Baler retro-fitting for netting systems 50% | 13. Hay unroller attachment 50% |
| 5. Concrete/portable feed bunks 50% | 14. Mechanical bale loaders 50% |
| 6. Elevators and Augers 50% | 15. No-till drill 50% |
| 7. Front end loader and/or attachments 50% | 16. Roller-crimper 50% |
| 8. Hay applicator systems 50% | 17. Scales/scale kit for grain cart (retro-fitting) 50% |
| 9. Hay forks/spears 50% | |

**Cost-share is also available for rental of any equipment listed in Section B.*

Exclusions:

- Self-propelled vehicles/equipment are **not** eligible for cost-share, including but not limited to tractors, trucks, all-terrain vehicles, skid steers, etc.
- Any type of mowing equipment is **not** eligible for cost-share, including but not limited to bush hogs, hay mowers, discbines, haybines, mower-conditioner, etc.
- **Beginning in 2010**, all transport equipment was removed as eligible cost-share items from all incentive areas. This exclusion includes trailers, wagons, and carts with the primary function of transportation.

Appendix A: Seed Varieties

(Updated as necessary)

Varieties of approved species (see A. 1.) are updated by UK Agronomy as requested or new varieties are shown to meet UK's performance standards.

For the most up-to-date list of seed varieties eligible for use with this program visit https://www.kyagr.com/agpolicy/documents/2025-Program-Guidelines-Applications/ADF_APP_caip_forage_seedlist.pdf:

Note: Consideration should be given to applicable seeding dates as referenced in AGR-18 "Grain and Forage Crop Guide for Kentucky" <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/AGR/AGR18/AGR18.pdf>

Legumes & Warm Season Grasses*

The following are acceptable for use under the provisions of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund Forage & Grain Improvement Incentive Area, as implemented by individual counties.

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329	Crystal	HybriForce-400	Scepter
425 RR	Demand	Imperial	Seedway 9558
428 RR	Depend+EV	Kingfisher 222	Signature
438 RR	DG417RR	Kingfisher Excelerator	Spredor 4
54V46	DG 4210	L 311	SS RR 425
55VR08 RR	DK 127	L 333HD	Stampede
6423R	DK 131HG	L 411HD	Supercuts
6439HVXR	DK 133	L 45-52RR	TMF Generation
6453Q	DK 140	L 447HD	TMF4464
A5225	DK 141	LH3	Triple Crown
Abilene+Z	Dominator	LegenDairy AA	Triple Trust 450
ABT 205	Emperor	LegenDairy XHD	Triple Trust 500
ABT 350	Enforcer	MagnaGraze	Viking
ABT 400SCL	Evergreen	Magnum V	Wintergold
ABT 405	Evermore	Magnum V - Wet	Wintergreen
Affinity+Z	Excalibur II	Mariner V	Withstand
Aggressor	Expedition	MultiQueen	WL326GZ
Alfagraz	FK421	MVS4220Q	WL343HQ
Amerigraze 401+Z	Feast +EV	Oneida Ultra	WL345 LH
Ameriguard 302+Z	Fierce	Pegasus	WL347LH
Ameristand 403T	Forecast 1001	PGI 447RR	WL348AP
Ameristand 404LHL	Forecast 3001	Phoenix	WL 349HQ
Ameristand 407TQ	Foregrazer V	Pioneer Brand 53v63	WL353LH
AmeriStand 423TQ RR	Fortress	Pioneer Brand 5347LH	WL355RR
Ameristand 427TQ	FP521	Pioneer Brand 5454	WL357HQ
AmeriStand 428TQ	FSG 408DP	Pioneer Brand 53H81	WL358LH
Ameristand 455TQ RR	FSG 505	Pioneer Brand 53Q60	WL359HQ.RR
Ameristand 457TQ RR	GA-535	Pioneer Brand 54H69	WL 359LH.RR
Ameristand 481 HVXRR	Garst 630	Pioneer Brand 54V54	WL363HQ
Apollo Supreme	Garst 6417	Pioneer Brand 55V48	WL365HQ
Armour RR	Garst 645	Radiant-AM	WL372HQ.RR
Arrest	Garst 645-II	Rebound 6XT	WL 3311HQ
Attention w/StandFast™	Geneva	Rebound AA	WL 3451HQ.RR
Attention II	Gem	Reward II	WL 3471.HVXRR
w/StandFast™	Goldrush	RR 425	WL 3521HQ
Caliber	Grazeking	RR AphaTron 2XT	WL 3546HQ.RR
Choice	Gunner	RR Tonnica	WL 375HVX.RR
Clean Sweep 100	Harvestar 812HY	RR VaMoose	
Contender	High Five	RR VanMoose	
CPS 950	HVX MegaTron	RushmoreSpredor 3	

Legumes & Warm Season Grasses*(cont.)

Bermudagrass

Hardie
Tifton 44
Quicksand
Vaughn
Wrangler

Big Bluestem

Pawnee
Kaw
Rountree
Niagara
Ecotypes native to
Kentucky are
acceptable

Eastern Gamagrass

Pete
Iuka
PMK24
Ecotypes native to
Kentucky are
acceptable

Switchgrass

Cave-in-rock
Kanlow

Indiangrass

Rumsey

Old World Bluestem

Caucasian

Red Clover

9601
Acclaim
Arlington
Atlas
Belle
Blaze
Cardinal
Cinnamon
Cinnamon Plus
Cyclone
Dominion
Duration
FK 345
FP 345
FSG 401RC
FSG 402
FSG 9601
Freedom!
Freedom!MR
GA-9908
Gallant
Greenstar
Juliet
Kenland (Certified)
Kenstar
Kenway
LS 9703
Marathon
PGI 33
Plus
Prima
Ram
Raptor
Red Baron
Red Gold Plus
Red Gold II
Redland Graze
RedStart
Renegade
Robust
Rocket
Royal Red
Solid
Solid Red
SS-0303RCG
Starfire
StarFire II
Triple Trust 350
ZR0004R

Ladino

Advantage
Alice
Barblanca
California
Colt Ladino
Crescendo Ladino
Durana
Jumbo
Kopu II
Osceola
Patriot
Pinnacle
Rampart
Regal
RegalGraze
Renovation
Seminole
SS190
Stamina
Tillman II
Will

Lespedeza

AU Grazer
Kobe
Korean
Striate

Cool Season Grasses *

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Endophyte Free

Fescue

BarElite
Barolex
Bariane
Bull
Bronson
Cajun II
Cattle Club
Dominate
Festival
FSG 402TF
Hymark
Kora
KY-32
Maximize
Ranchero tall fescue
Select
SS-0705TFSL
Stockman
Teton II
Tuscany II

Festulolium

Barfest
Felina
Hykor
Mahulena
Spring Green

Kentucky bluegrass

Adam I
Barderbby
Filly
Ginger
Lato
Kenblue
Park
Platini
Slenzanka

Novel Endophyte

Fescue

Baroptima PLUS E34
Estancia ArkShield
Jesup MaxQ
Kora Protek
Lacefield MaxQ II
Martin2 Protek
Texoma MaxQ II
Tower Protek

Orchardgrass

Alpine II
Amba
Ambrosia
Athos
Baridana
Baraula
Barlegro
Benchmark
Benchmark Plus
Bighorn
Boone, Certified Only
Bounty II (experimental
OG0707)
Bronc
Century
Command
Condor
Crown
Crown Royale
Devour
Everlast
Endurance
Extend
FSG 506OG
Hallmark
Harvestar
Haymate
Icon
Intensiv
Mammoth
Megabite
Niva
Persist
Potomac, Certified Only
Prairie
Profile
Progress
Profit
Quickdraw
Renegade
Rushmore II
Seco
Shiloh
Spanish Red
Sparta
SS-0708OGDT
Stampede
Summer Green
Survivor
Takena
Tekapo
Udder

Warrior

Timothy

Aurora
Barfleo
Barpenta
Clair, Certified Only
Classic
Climax
Colt
Conquest
Derby
Dolina
Express
Express II
Hokusei
Joliette
KY-Early
Richmond
Summit
Talon
Tenho
Toro
Tundra
Treasure
Zenyatta

Other Crops *

A list of approved varieties may be added to this seed list if deemed necessary by UK College of Agriculture, Food & Environment and KOAP staff.