

Implementation of Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) Plans on New York State Grown & Certified (NYS G&C Farms) Farms.

RFP Questions and Answers

Q: If a farm business has restructured and changed its name, do they need to get recertified under NYS G&C?

A: All questions regarding NYS G&C should be directed to NYSGrownandCertified@agriculture.ny.gov.

Q: Can a SWCD apply for a farm to be hooked up to municipal water?

A: No, while the use of municipal water reduces the risk of food-borne illness, the Implementation of AEM Plans on NYS G&C Farms focuses on the environmental benefits of NYS G&C. It would be difficult to justify the environmental benefit of using municipal water over well water. The NYS Agricultural BMP Catalogue does not address municipal water supplies as part of any Best Management Practice, nor does the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service have a Standard or Specification to for connecting a farm to a municipal water source.

Q: Can Districts do the work with our equipment and the SWCC rates for equipment as match for NYS G&C projects?

A: Yes, the equipment rates approved by the State Soil and Water Conservation Committee for the Agricultural Non-Point Source Abatement and Control Program may be used for this funding opportunity as match. The most current list includes:

Equipment*	Rate per Hour (includes Operator)
Excavator	\$178.00
Bull Dozer	\$182.00
Backhoe	\$111.00
Skidsteer	\$105.00
Loader	\$135.00
Dump Truck	\$147.00
Roller	\$110.00
Trailer	\$91.00

Q: Would installing a BMP next to a field that is used for a NYS Grown & Certified crop be considered an eligible practice?

A: Yes, if the BMP to be implemented addresses a concern from a field growing a NYS Grown & Certified crop, it is an eligible practice.