

WHAT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP) SYSTEMS CAN BE FUNDED?

Many BMP systems can be funded through the Agricultural Nonpoint Source Program, including:

- Waste storage & transfer
- Cover crops/ soil health
- Process wash water management
- Agrichemical handling/ storage facilities
- Rotational grazing
- Streambank and shoreline protection
- Petroleum product storage & spill prevention facilities
- Riparian buffer systems
- Integrated pest management
- Silage leachate control
- Irrigation water management
- Livestock heavy use area runoff management
- Pathogen management
- Access control system
- Erosion control system
- Nutrient management system
- Composting
- Feed management



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WHAT IS THE AGRICULTURAL NONPOINT SOURCE PROGRAM?

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The Agricultural Nonpoint Source Program is a New York State funded, cost -share grant program that assists farmers in addressing water quality issues due to agricultural activities.

Financial and technical assistance supports the planning and implementation of on-farm projects that prevent water pollution, reduce Erosion, and limit the amount of harmful sediments and other deposits in New York's waterways.

The goal of the program is to support New York's diverse agricultural businesses in their efforts to implement best management practice systems that improve water quality and environmental stewardship.



HOW IS THE PROGRAM FUNDED?

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets administers this statewide program in coordination with the New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee.

- ◆ The New York State Environmental Protection Fund has been providing funding since the program began in 1994.
- ◆ County Soil and Water Conservation Districts apply for and administer the competitive grants on behalf of farmers, and coordinate funded conservation projects.
- ◆ Eligible project expenses are cost shared by the state, along with the farmer's contributions that can include cash, labor, and equipment usage, and other grants, such as funding through federal Farm Bill conservation programs.

WHAT ARE THE FARMER'S RESPONSIBILITIES?

- ◆ As a grant recipient, the farmer is expected to work with the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to ensure project goals and deliverables are met on schedule and within budget.
- ◆ The farmer may contribute to the cost of the project through in-kind services or cash payments to contractors.
- ◆ Once projects are installed, the farmer is required to maintain the practices for specified lifespans. The SWCD will provide BMP operation and maintenance guidelines.



HOW CAN A FARM PARTICIPATE?

Contact your local County Soil and Water Conservation District:

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