

Owen County Agricultural Development Board

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Dear Owen County farmer:

Owen County has been given a golden opportunity to help local farm families create a new future for themselves. Two years ago, the Kentucky General Assembly passed legislation providing a substantial amount of money to tobacco-dependent counties to help develop a new agricultural economy. Through this legislation, to date, we have received over \$1.5 million use for local agricultural development.

The overall intent of the Agricultural Development Fund program is to provide a means for farmers to improve the long-term profitability of their farming operation. It's not going to be used to subsidize an existing unprofitable enterprise, or replace existing infrastructure that should already be in place on the farm, but rather to help farmers build a stronger foundation for a more profitable existing enterprise and promote diversification into new areas that hold promise.

Due to some general guidelines called for in the Ag Development legislation and the potential risk of new enterprises, as well as the fact that government funds need to be accounted for, we will be asking for participation in some educational activities, some commitment toward demonstrating to others, and some means of evaluating the use of the funds, from those requesting funding. All this is in the effort to make the best possible use of a limited amount of funds and to justify how these funds are spent.

Thank you for your interest, and if you have questions about any programs or applications, or have an idea for possible use of the funds, please feel free to call one of the board members or the County Extension Agent.

A VISION OF THE FUTURE FOR OWEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE IS:

An agriculture that is prosperous, diversified, and economically and environmentally sustainable, an agriculture that can support generations of families, and one that is enticing to young people as a career.

We believe this can best be achieved by greatly improving and increasing our beef production, by focusing on recreational and entertainment farming, and by taking advantage of specialized niche markets.

**Owen County
Hay and Commodity Storage Program
Application Form**

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Application #

If any information is not supplied on this application, the application will be considered incomplete and it will not be considered for funding.

Name _____ Date _____

Home Address _____

Farm Address _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-Mail Address _____

Is at least 20 percent of gross household income from a farming operation? _____ Yes

_____ No

The board reserves the right to request additional information on income (including tax forms) and farming operation before considering application.

Program(s) applying for:

_____ Hay Storage
_____ Commodity

Have you applied or been approved for funding for this program in another county?

___ Yes ___ No

I hereby request funding for the Owen County Hay and Grain Storage Program and agree to follow all the attached guidelines and requirements. I also understand that if I fail to meet the requirements contained here in I may forfeit any future funding through Phase I opportunities. I understand that I assume all responsibility and liability for implementation of this program and any results that may occur from my individual purchase or decision.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date _____

Social Security # _____ FSA Farm Serial # _____

Return Application to:

Owen Co. Extension Service
265 Ellis Hwy.
Owenton, Ky 40359
phone- 502-484-5703
hours M-F 8AM-4:30PM

OR

Owen County Ag
Development Board
P.O. Box 821
Owenton, Ky 40359

Application deadline:

April 24, 2003

Owen County Phase I Cost-Share Program Supplemental Application Form

This supplemental form must be completed with every application. Careful completion of this page will have a bearing on whether or not your application is approved. Attach another page, if necessary. If applying for more than one program, you only need to fill out this form once .

Please describe the farming operation that you materially participate in, (that is, you provide management and some labor, and you assume some financial risk.) Include a list of crops and livestock enterprises, along with acreages and numbers raised of each.

	1999	2000	2001	2002
Tobacco Quota on farm	_____	_____	_____	_____
Did you grow the crop yourself, rent it, or lease it out?	_____	_____	_____	_____

How long have you been farming?

What other occupations or businesses provide portions of total family income?

What are your future plans for your farming operation? How do you plan to enlarge or improve your operation?

Owen County Hay and Commodity Storage Program

Livestock production is the most logical use of much of the Owen County landscape, and the most likely choice for improving farm income for most farmers. This cost-share project is designed to improve profitability by increasing the quality of stored feed, and allow farmers to invest in commodity feed storage. This will increase hay utilization and value, enhance feeding programs and allow for improved animal gain and production.

General Guidelines

- * Applicant must be an Owen Co. farmer, with at least 20% of gross household income from a farming operation.
- * Applicants who don't meet the 20% farm income eligibility requirement may be considered on a case by case basis.
- * Additional information on income (including tax forms) and farming operation may be requested before considering application approval.
- * Award of cost-share funds will be based on information provided in the Supplemental Application Form. The order of receipt of application will NOT be considered in awarding of funds. All applications may not be funded due to financial constraints.
- * Cost share is on a 50-50 basis of eligible expenses, listed in each detail section, based on receipts from vendors. Cost share does not include labor costs. Cost share can include work done retroactive to January 1, 2003.
- * There is a \$5,000 maximum paid per farm/producer/partnership for the lifetime of the program.
- * Producer signature, Social Security number and FSA Farm Serial number must be on form in order to participate.
- * After notice of application approval, improvements must be made and receipts presented within 6 months. Otherwise, funds will be reallocated to the next available application, and the producer must reapply to be considered for cost share funding.
- * Producer agrees to fill out an information sheet on their operation before funds are distributed and complete an evaluation one year after funding, and to participate in an on-farm demonstration, if asked.
- * Producers receiving hay storage funds agrees to quality test at least 3 lots of hay that is stored in the funded structure. Cost of the three tests will be funded through Phase I Education and Outreach money. (\$10 per test) Feed rations will be developed for each of the samples by the Extension Service.
- * Producers receiving funds will be placed on a special Extension Service mailing list to receive occasional timely production and management information.
- * Applicant will attend an educational session on Hay and Feed Storage and Utilization.
- * 90 % of approved funds will be distributed after the committee receives a dated receipt indicating buyer and seller. An itemized summary of expenses, information sheet, a photograph of new or modernized hay or commodity storage facility, and educational program certification must accompany receipts. The remaining 10% will be distributed after forage quality tests are completed (hay storage only) and the one year evaluation is turned in.
- * **Any individual receiving \$600 or more will receive a 1099 IRS form.**
- * Spot checks may be made.
- * Producer must retain adequate insurance coverage to replace any and all structures erected with or improved by Agricultural Development funds.
- * Recipient must retain ownership of facilities for at least five years following awarding of funds.
- * If a producer fails to meet requirements of the program, including the following year(s) evaluation, they will not be eligible for any future funding opportunities through any other Phase I program.

Eligible Cost Share Items

Hay & Straw Storage

- Materials and construction of permanent hay sheds, pole barn or Quonset hut type hay storage, or materials necessary to convert/ retrofit existing structures for the sole purpose of hay storage

Grain Storage

- Purchase of new or used grain storage structures, or materials needed to construct commodity storage or to repair, upgrade or modernize existing grain storage structures, as well as drying and handling equipment that will increase efficiency, improve quality, and/or add value to the grain.