

Watershed Agricultural Program Guideline

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CROP EXPENSE FUNDING

Lime, fertilizer and seed applications will only be eligible for Program funding if the application is directly linked to the control of an existing environmental risk. Crop expenses will not be eligible for Program funding when the sole objective of the application is to increase productivity. The following crop expense BMPs will only be planned and implemented in the following circumstances:

- A. Lime and fertilizer may be applied to implement a cover crop BMP or a seeding caused by a change in crop rotation. Lime applications are not to exceed 3 tons/acre except when a split application is recommended by the Planning Team (one time only).
- B. Lime may be applied to prescribed grazing systems when soil pH is below Cornell recommendation. Lime applications are not to exceed 3 tons/acre except when a split application is recommended by the Planning Team (one time only).
- C. Permanent sod may be established in a crop field or pasture exhibiting erosion.
- D. Cover crops may be planted when soil erosion presents a risk to water quality (3 year maximum eligibility).

Seedbed preparation and seeding payments for both conventional and certified organic seed (where applicable) will be based on rates approved in average cost tables.