

Watershed Agricultural Program Guideline

2.1.07

WHOLE FARM PLAN APPROVAL (West of Hudson)

Planners identify BMPs based on the water quality issues identified using the ERPD or AEM and determine a planning estimate cost for each BMP.

1. New WFPs will be presented to the Ag Program Committee for discussion and approval when the WFP total funds requested exceed the threshold of \$300,000 for a large farm and \$100,000 for a small farm, excluding supplemental CREP BMPs.
2. Revised WFPs will be presented to the Ag Program Committee for discussion and approval when the additional funds requested exceed the threshold of \$150,000 for a large farm and \$50,000 for a small farm, excluding supplemental CREP BMPs.
3. New or Revised WFPs that add covered structures, manure storage facilities or calf housing will be presented to the Ag Program Committee for discussion and approval regardless of funding thresholds.
4. New or Revised WFPs that do not exceed the thresholds as per No. 1 and 2 above, or do not add BMPs as identified in No. 3 above, will be approved by the Ag Program manager. The Ag Program Committee will receive copies of these plans for information only.
5. Any WFP can be presented for discussion and approval at the request of Ag Committee members.
6. The Ag Program Manager and Ag Program Committee are approving the WFP based on the planning estimate for all BMPs within the WFP.
7. Each year, before the October Ag Committee meeting, a prioritized list of BMPs to be designed and implemented the following year will be submitted to the Agricultural Committee for review and approval of funding.