

## Watershed Agricultural Program Guideline

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### 2.1.05

#### **WHOLE FARM PLAN COST GUIDELINES (EOH)**

Whole Farm Plan cost guidelines will be evaluated at the end of each WAC fiscal year using the US Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index (CPI). To determine the cost guidelines adjustment for the approaching fiscal year, the Small Farms and Large Farms Programs will utilize data collected for the Northeast Urban Consumers CIPI region and the East of Hudson Program will utilize data collected for Urban Consumers in New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island CPI region.

1. Each fiscal year, the multiplier used to calculate cost guideline will increase by the percent increase in the previous year's CPI for the appropriate region.
2. Each fiscal year, the multiplier used to calculate cost guideline will remain the same if there is no change in the previous year's CPI for appropriate region.
3. Whole Farm Planning is a dynamic process and will evolve with current research efforts.
4. Each fiscal year, the multiplier used to calculate cost guideline will remain the same if there is a decrease in the previous years' CPI. The cost guideline will be adjusted during the next fiscal year's CPI increase. The cost guideline multiplier will then increase by the difference in the CPI over that period of time.

For example: 1.1% CPI decrease in 7/2012, 3.1% CPI increase by 7/2013, raise multiplier by 2% for 2014.