

Continuing Conservation Initiative

Name of Practice: ANIMAL WASTE CONTROL FACILITIES-MAINTENANCE PRACTICE
VACS Program Specifications for No. CCI-WP-4

This document specifies terms and conditions for the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program's Continuous Conservation Initiative Animal Waste Control Facilities best management practice which is applicable to all contracts entered into with respect to that practice.

A. Description and Purpose

This practice prevents animal waste from entering watercourses and environmental sensitive areas.

The purpose of this practice is to provide an incentive payment for the maintenance of existing Animal Waste Control Facilities.

B. Policies and Specifications

1. Separate facilities for different animal groups shall be treated as individual practices. Liquid and dry manure storage serving the same group shall also be treated as individual practices.
2. This practice will maintain existing Animal Waste Control Facilities to prevent animal waste runoff from entering watercourses and environmentally sensitive features.
3. This practice must not be in lifespan from any other conservation program.
4. The maintenance of a functional Animal Waste Control Facility is required and the existing and continued use of the facility must be for storage and/or treatment of animal waste. The facility shall be effectively treating on site generated animal waste.
5. If the existing Animal Waste Control Facility does not adequately treat on site animal waste, either through undersized structures and/or management, the resource concern must be addressed prior to receiving payment for the CCI-Animal Waste Control Facility.
6. The Animal Waste Control Facility components must not be subject to floodwaters and/or overland flow.
7. The Animal Waste Control Facility must include a permanent facility with a roof. Liquid manure pits do not require a roof.

8. The participant is responsible for inspecting and maintaining all Animal Waste Control Facility components associated with the practice during its lifespan. In the event these components are damaged or destroyed, it is the responsibility of the participant to repair or replace them with no additional CCI funding.
9. This practice is eligible for re-enrollment.
10. All practice components implemented must be maintained for a minimum of five years following the calendar year of installation. The lifespan begins on Jan. 1 of the calendar year following the year of certification of completion. By accepting either a cost-share payment or a state tax credit for this practice, the participant agrees to maintain all practice components for the specified lifespan. This practice is subject to spot check by the District throughout the lifespan of the practice and failure to maintain the practice may result in reimbursement of cost-share and/or tax credits.

C. Rate(s)

The VACS payment rate is a single payment of a base rate of \$5000 per Animal Waste Control Facility, as well as \$1.50 per animal unit for poultry and \$25 per animal unit for all other animal types, as calculated for annual manure production. A participant may be eligible for separate CCI payments if there are multiple Animal Waste Control Facilities serving different animal groups.

D. Technical Responsibility

Technical and administrative responsibility is assigned to qualified technical DCR and District staff in consultation, where appropriate and based on the controlling standard, with DCR, Virginia Certified Nutrient Management Planner (s), NRCS, DOF, and VCE. Individuals certifying technical need and technical practice installation shall have appropriate certifications as identified above and/or Engineering Job Approval Authority (EJAA) for the designed and installed component(s). All practices are subject to spot check procedures and any other quality control measures.