

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, to include Seasonal Feeding Facilities (WP-4SF), Confined Livestock Operations (WP-4LC), Loafing Lot Management System with Manure Management (Excluding Bovine Dairy) (WP-4LL), Dairy Loafing Lot Management System (WP-4B), and Animal Waste Control Facilities (WP-4) or equivalent facilities. Feeding pads that do not provide storage are not eligible.

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 or under contract from any other conservation program. For practices originally installed through a program without a required maintenance lifespan, the practice may be considered eligible after it has been in place for the maximum current lifespan associated with the equivalent VACS practice. For practices originally installed through VACS in partnership with another program, the VACS lifespan shall be used to determine eligibility.
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. In order to be eligible for cost-share, producers must be fully implementing a current Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) on all agricultural production acreage under the producer's control receiving manure from the associated storage structure. The NMP must comply with all requirements set forth in the Nutrient Management Training and Certification Regulations, (4VAC50-85 et seq.) and the Virginia Nutrient Management Standards and Criteria (revised July 2014), must be prepared and certified by a Virginia certified nutrient management planner, and must be on file with the local District before any cost-share payment is made to the participant. Plans shall also contain any specific production management criteria designated in the BMP practice (4VAC50-85-130G).
10. This practice is eligible for re-enrollment.
11. 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 an additional payment per animal unit (AU) as outlined in the table below, 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.

For WP-4B and WP-4LL practices, the producer should receive an additional payment per component for the loafing lots associated with the structure equal to that of the CCI-SL-6W/N, including stream exclusion, based on the buffer width. No components should be paid for twice between different CCI practices. If there is no exclusion associated with the loafing lots, participants are eligible to receive the watering system and trough payments equal to that of the CCI-SL-6 practices.

Type of Practice	Rate per Animal Unit (AU)*
WP-4 Animal Waste Control Facilities - Poultry/Swine	\$1.50**
WP-4 Animal Waste Control Facilities - Others	\$25.00**
WP-4SF Seasonal Feeding Facility with Attached Manure Storage	\$10.00
WP-4LL Loafing Lot Management System with Manure Management (Excluding Bovine Dairy)	\$20.00
WP-4B Dairy Loafing Lot Management System	\$20.00
WP-4LC Animal Waste Control Facility for Confined Livestock Operations	\$25.00

* These rates are based on standard confinement percentages.

** For standalone manure storage structures (WP-4) when 100% of the manure generated by the group of animals is not captured and stored in the associated structure, the payment will be based on the percentage of the manure being collected and treated by this structure.

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.

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