

Fact Sheet

Agriculture Best Management Practices loan Program

The Agriculture Best Management Practices Loan Program (Ag BMP Program) was created by the 1994 State Legislature. The program brings low-interest loans to farmers and other rural landowners for the mitigation and prevention of non-point source pollution. The program is funded through the State Revolving Fund (SRF), which was a result of the 1987 Federal Clean Water Act.

Low-interest loans are available to farmers and landowners in Scott County to bring their livestock-holding facilities and septic systems into conformance with water quality standards. These loans are also used to help implement other stormwater-control practices such as those needed to protect streambank, lakeshore, roadside and agricultural land from erosion. The maximum loan amount per applicant is \$100,000.



Loan eligibility

To be eligible, projects must be located in the rural areas of Scott County. Individuals who want to apply for loans should contact the Scott Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) for a loan application packet. Applicants will need to provide information about the proposed project to be funded and the desired loan amount.

Projects available through the Ag BMP Program

The Ag BMP Program low-interest loans of 3 percent, plus a 1.5 percent origination fee, will be available for:

- Livestock-holding facilities and agricultural waste management projects and activities, including runoff-control structures, agricultural waste systems or pits and manure-handling equipment
- Purchasing conservation tillage equipment such as chisel plows, no-till drills and no-till planters
- Conservation practices such as terraces, water and sediment basins, grassed waterways and gully-control structures
- Upgrades and improvements to existing individual sewage-treatment systems.

The Ag BMP Program low-interest loans are based on 3-percent interest, plus a 1.5 percent origination fee.



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