

# Ag Enhancement Deadline Nears For Livestock Projects

**NASHVILLE, TENN.**

**D**ec. 1 is the deadline for eligible farmers to submit reimbursement requests for livestock projects approved through the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program.

"It's important that farmers who are approved for livestock equipment or feed storage funding finish their projects and submit a completed reimbursement request as soon as possible," TAEP administrator Justin Bryant said. "This helps us to process their claim quicker and allows us to better utilize funds for other farm projects."

The Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program is a cost share initiative administered by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture to help farmers make long-term, strategic investments to increase profitability. Funding for TAEP was fully restored this year in Gov. Bill Haslam's budget, which was supported by the

Tennessee General Assembly.

In August, nearly 2,300 Livestock Equipment and Feed Storage projects totaling \$8.8 million were approved for funding through the farm cost share program. Eligible livestock projects include the purchase of headgates, squeeze chutes, hay rings and other livestock handling or feed storage equipment.

Complete and accurate reimbursement requests will be processed on a first come, first serve basis. Producers should allow up to 10 weeks for processing and the minimum reimbursement request is \$250 per project.

More than 5,300 farm projects of all types totaling \$20 million have been approved this year. For more information about TAEP or reimbursement deadlines, visit <http://www.tn.gov/agriculture/enhancement/index.shtml> or call toll free 1-800-342-8206. △



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