2026 CAIP Incentive Area Guidelines:
POULTRY & OTHER FOWL

*These guidelines represent one of 11 incentive areas within the **County Agricultural Incentives Program (CAIP)** to provide Kentucky agricultural producers cost-share assistance on practices that increase net farm income and opportunities to try new/innovative technologies or systems that improve farm efficiency and productivity.*

Funded participants shall adhere to all local, state, and federal rules and regulations.

Incentive Area Limitations

- **Emergency Early Release Clause**: The local program administrator shall reserve the right to approve an early release, if it is determined that an animal, due to physical or disposition problems, is no longer considered sound for breeding purposes. The local program administrator can require the animal to undergo an examination by a licensed veterinarian to assist in determination.
- **Genetic Diversification Clause:** In the event that a producer retains female offspring sired by a cost-shared male for use as breeding stock, then the cost-shared male may be sold and replaced by another male of equal or greater value. The replacement animal **shall not** be eligible for additional CAIP funds.
- Reimbursements for repairs, routine maintenance, beautification/cosmetics, and/or renewal of annual subscriptions are not eligible for cost-share.
- **Beginning in 2010**, all transport equipment was removed as eligible cost-share items from all incentive areas. This exclusion includes trailers, wagons, and carts with the primary function of transportation.

Eligible Cost-share Items:

This incentive area is for commercial and pastured poultry, and other fowl.

1. Commercial breeding stock **50%**
2. Animal waste handling, distribution equipment *(excluding motorized vehicles)* or custom services **50%**
3. Insect sprayers/cleaning and disinfection equipment **75%**
4. Feeders, brooders, poultry coops, nesting boxes **50%**
5. Poultry netting **50%**
6. Grazing cages (field pens), rolling hen houses, skid mounted chicken houses **50%**
7. Permanent pens and shelters **50%**
8. Fruit trees for poultry feed source **50%**
9. Trolley and/or truss enhancement system **50%**
10. Incubators **50%**
11. Cooling fan/ventilation system **50%**
12. Maternity monitoring system (including alerts, camera, and contracted installation services) **50%**
13. Tagging/banding and tattoo equipment *(excludes tags)* **50%**
14. Poultry pH meter, ammonia reader, relative humidity reader **75%**
15. Cost of developing a Nutrient Management Plan or Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan **75%**
16. Cost of participation in an advanced agricultural education program **75%**

It is recommended that funded participants consult with a UK Poultry Extension Specialist for up-to-date information on buildings, equipment, and environmental security.