United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

2010 Ranking Period 2

Energy Enhancement Activity – ENR05 – Locally grown and marketed farm products

Enhancement Description
This enhancement is for conversion to a farm operation where inputs to the farm such as livestock feed and fertilizers are sourced locally and products from the farm are sold to consumers locally.

Land Use Applicability
Cropland, pastureland, rangeland and forest land

Benefits
This enhancement will encourage a more efficient use of natural resources; reduce transportation cost, enhance nutrient cycling, increase awareness of local agricultural resources, benefit smaller farms, improve markets for specialty crops, increase agricultural produce diversity, build sustainability, preserve agricultural landscapes and land use near urban centers.

Criteria

1. 80% of livestock feed and/or fertilizer used to produce livestock and/or crops originates within a radius of 100 miles of the farm.
2. 80% of the agricultural products produced on the farm will be processed and sold retail, including direct farmer-to-consumer sales within 400 miles of the farm or within the state the farm is located in.

Documentation Requirements

1. A Nutrient Management Plan that shows the quantity of nutrients applied to cropland and identifies the source of the nutrients.
2. A feed management plan that shows the quantity of feed supplied to livestock and the source of the feed.
3. A marketing plan for farm products that identifies market outlets.

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Written documentation shall include dates and locations of farm markets attended as a vendor.