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## Steps for Applying to the Emergency Animal Mortality Management Program with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Be prepared before making Emergency Animal Management decisions. Producers facing livestock depopulation are encouraged to apply for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) with their local NRCS field office. Applications are being accepted now.

### Step 1:

Contact your [local NRCS staff](#). A printable directory with all offices, employee names, and phone numbers can be found at: [www.sd.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.sd.nrcs.usda.gov) > “Contact Us.”

### Step 2:

Sign an application form with NRCS before taking action. We will provide you with an application (Form CCC-1200) for the EQIP Program and an Early Start Waiver. Make sure this step is completed before moving any dirt or initiating rendering. Also, contact South Dakota OneCall to locate buried utilities prior to excavation at (800) 781-7474 or dial 811.

Detailed information for [Emergency Animal Mortality Management](#) through the USDA's EQIP Program information can be found at [www.sd.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.sd.nrcs.usda.gov) > [Technical Resources](#) > [Emergency Animal Mortality Management](#).

### Step 3:

Do you already have a catastrophic mortality plan? If yes, then, move to Step 4. If you do not already have a plan for catastrophic mortality, contact your local NRCS staff or the Agricultural Nutrient Management Team to assist you with locating or evaluating a potential site for burial or composting.

Site selection criteria is available from the SD Animal Industry Board and NRCS. Find the AIB at: <https://aib.sd.gov/carcass.html>. NRCS guidance for the practice of Emergency Animal Mortality Management follows AIB guidelines.

Along with soil and water resources, NRCS will evaluate whether the site impacts cultural resources or historic preservation sites. This is required for receiving federal funds. The solution may be an alternative location.

**Step 4:** Dispose of Emergency Animal Management Mortalities according to the NRCS Guide sheet/AIB Criteria.

**Step 5:** Document Emergency Animal Mortality Management actions and record animal numbers, site locations, and disposal method on [Job Sheet for documenting the practice](#) (SD-JS-368), turn it in to your local NRCS office once completed.