

Request for Early Start Waiver for Emergency Animal Mortality Management connected to COVID-19

Applicant Name: _____

County: _____

I am requesting a waiver from the Pennsylvania Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist to start the **Emergency Animal Mortality Management (368)** practice before a contract is obligated, to address livestock or poultry mortality directly associated with depopulations necessitated because of COVID-19. My need is based on suspended processing of poultry and livestock and loss of markets directly attributed to COVID-19. Because of the urgency of addressing immediate depopulations and subsequent handling of mortality in an extremely short period of time, I am not able to delay this practice until an EQIP contract can be obligated.

I verify that I have submitted an Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) application for assistance for **Emergency Animal Mortality Management (368)** to address livestock or poultry mortality associated with depopulations because of COVID-19, and I have not yet started this practice.

I understand that I will be ineligible to receive any EQIP payments in connection with this practice if any of the following occurs:

- The contract is not approved.
- The practice is not completed in a manner that meets NRCS standards and specifications.
- The requested practice is not included in the approved conservation plan for EQIP funding.

Signature _____

Signature (must have signature authority if signing for an entity and indicate by signing "by" or "for" the entity.)

Date