REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (RCPP)

The RCPP is a new, comprehensive, and flexible program that will use the resources of Kentucky’s NRCS offices, Conservation Districts, the University of Kentucky, KY Dairy Development Council, and KY Cattlemen’s Association to reach conservation goals for water quality.

Look for more information for project sign-up and eligibility at your local NRCS or Conservation District office.

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Apply to the NEW Regional Conservation Partnership Program
OVERVIEW

The goal of the project is to assist producers in the protection and enhancement of water quality and prevention of soil erosion by developing agriculture water quality plans, nutrient management plans, and conservation plans. Once plans are developed, site-specific conservation practices identified in the plans will be installed.

NRCS and Conservation Districts will pool their cost-share resources to put conservation practices on the ground and help farmers stay in compliance with state and federal environmental laws.

WHO CAN APPLY?

A ranking system to determine project eligibility will be developed by Summer 2015. Livestock producers willing to develop and implement plans to reduce nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment loads entering waterbodies and waterways on private lands will be preferred partners.

Conservation Practices for Livestock Producers

Eligible practices may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Heavy use area protection
- Alternative water sources
- Fencing to restrict livestock access from water resources
- Waste storage facilities
- Stream crossings
- Milkhouse wastewater treatment

Livestock stream crossing.