

## Roofs and Covers (367) Requirements

### 2016 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

#### **Eligibility:** Animal Feeding Operations

**Purpose:** To provide roof to exclude precipitation from an animal waste storage, treatment, or transfer facility to improve management of an existing or planned confined animal feeding operation.

#### **Requirements:**

Confined Animal Feeding Operations are only eligible for a Roofs and Covers if a CNMP has been developed.

The waste facility cover must be used to exclude precipitation from an animal waste storage, treatment, or transfer facility to improve management of an existing or planned confined animal feeding operation.

**Use of concrete heavy use areas should be the last alternative for pasture based beef operations and must be approved by Area Resource Conservationist and Area Engineer.** Associated roofing may be needed to eliminate rainfall contact with manure where manure is collected and stored. In lieu of concrete and roofing and to promote dispersion, complimentary practices such as Access Roads and Trails and Walkways can be approved by the Area Engineer and Area Resource Conservationist for access to "Low Risk" livestock feeding sites.

For concrete winter feeding beef sites where storage of manure and/or wasted feed is necessary, the following special requirements must be met:

1. The best available livestock feeding site(s) on the farm must have been identified as resource concern on CPA-52 form. A "High or Medium Risk" rating using [Livestock Feeding Assessment](#) would justify a resource concern.
2. Must achieve "Low Risk" rating using [Livestock Feeding Assessment](#) to be eligible for concrete and roofing under Roofs and Covers practice.
3. A CNMP is required. Landowner must be informed that the CNMP can become a regulatory document regulated by EPA regardless of the size of operation.

#### **Producer requirements for payment:**

Install practice according NRCS plans and specifications. Payment is made following certification by appropriate NRCS staff with engineering job approval authority or acceptance by NRCS staff that system was installed as designed and certified by TSP and applicable NRCS standards and specifications.