

2024 Alternative Manure Management Program
Questions and Answers (Q&A)
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1. In the Benefits Calculator Tool, when completing the “Manure management practices after implementation of proposed AMMP project” section, the “Manure collection system” options are Flush, Scrape/vacuum truck, Partial scrape/partial flush, Compost bedded pack barn, Pit storage below animal confinements, and Aerated vermifiltration System. For projects proposing conversion to pasture-based management, is the calculator missing a “Manure collection system” option for Pasture/Dirt?

For a project proposing pasture-based management, the “Manure collection system” selection in the Benefits Calculator Tool would be applicable to how manure is handled when the animals in the project boundary are housed. The time that they are on pasture, where there would not be a collection system due to their manure being deposited on land and not entering an anaerobic environment, is accounted for by the input fields “Number of months per year livestock spend at pasture” and “Number of hours per day livestock spend at pasture”.

2. Can an AMMP grant be combined with a USDA NRCS grant?

An AMMP application can propose cost share, including matching funds and in-kind contributions. Other State or Federal grants, such as NRCS, may serve as matching funds to the AMMP application. Applicants must describe the contribution source, type, and amount of all contributions in support of the project.

Please be aware this response is specifically for the AMMP. If Dairy Plus Program funding (source is also USDA NRCS) is sought in addition to AMMP funding, additional restrictions may apply.

3. Would horses on a desert ranch qualify for this grant?

Horse and other livestock operations where manure solids are stored in wet, anaerobic conditions that lead to methane production may be eligible for the AMMP.