

**2023 Dairy Plus Program
Questions and Answers (Q&A)**

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1. The Dairy Plus Program refers to \$750/cow – does this include dry cows and heifers on a dairy facility?

Yes, all types of cows on a dairy (with the exception of calves) can be counted as a “cow” in Dairy Plus if their manure will be affected by the project, as they can be quantified in the AMMP or DDRDP Benefits Calculator Tools (lactating dairy cows in both freestall and open lot corrals, dry cows, and heifers are included livestock categories in both calculators).

2. For a previous AMMP recipient applying for Dairy Plus, if a total project cost is \$500,000, what would this look like in terms of match requirement? Same question if the total Dairy Plus project cost is \$2,000,000?

A Dairy Plus for Previous AMMP funding scenario has a “50/50 match – up to \$750,000” requirement (reference – [RGA](#), Funding Scenarios). In the first example, the Dairy Plus Program could fund \$250,000 and the producer would cost match \$250,000 to make up the total new project cost. In the second example, the producer would need to cost match up to \$750,000 of the total project cost (the Dairy Plus Program could fund up to \$1.25 million, based on a \$750/cow rate).

3. If a farm with a covered lagoon digester (not CDFA DDRDP-funded) wants to apply for a Dairy Plus Program grant to treat their digestate, are they eligible?

This type of operation could not apply only for Dairy Plus Program funding, as they do not have a past completed AMMP or DDRDP project. Reference – [RGA](#), Eligibility and Exclusions.