

Financing to support Agricultural BMPs



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Applications

Applications are available for download at:

www.deq.virginia.gov/water/clean-water-financing/revolving-loan-funds-rlfs/agricultural-bmp

Submit applications by email to:
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Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund

Cost-Effective Financing for
Agricultural
Best Management Practices (BMPs)



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The Virginia Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (VCWRLF) is a state financing assistance program. It is administered in the Commonwealth by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on behalf of the State Water Control Board. Since its creation in Virginia in 1987, the Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) has served as the VCWRLF's financial manager.

Virginia's **Ag BMP Loan Program** is one of a number of VCWRLF components eligible to utilize the Fund to provide a source of low cost financing to Virginia's agricultural producers and Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) to reduce agricultural non-point source pollution.

The Ag BMP Loan Program was administered from 2000 to 2016. During this time, the Program provided \$46 million in 491 loans for 615 Ag BMP projects throughout Virginia.

On July 1, 2019 the program resumed with additional incentives provided to applicants.

The State Water Control Board (SWCB) is responsible for developing the policies and procedures for VCWRLF, and for ensuring that the administration of the Fund complies with applicable federal and state laws and regulations. DEQ manages the day-to-day operation of the VCWRLF on behalf of the SWCB.

As the VCWRLF's financial manager, VRA negotiates individual loans, makes disbursements to loan recipients, collects loan payments, and invests any uncommitted VCWRLF funds. For more information about DEQ's Ag BMP Loan Program contact James MoneyMaker at (804) 659-1124 or james.moneymaker@deq.virginia.gov.

Program Incentives

- All loans at 0% interest
- Potential for principal forgiveness
- No long-term loan requirement
- Expanded list of eligible practices
- Expanded list of eligible applicants



Application Process

- Submit application to DEQ (accepted year round)
 - Projects reviewed monthly
 - Projects prioritized by DEQ
 - Tentative authorization granted
- Prioritized project list forwarded to VRA
 - Credit information submitted to VRA
 - Credit review completed
 - Approval recommendation submitted to DEQ
- Final loan authorization provided by DEQ following credit approval
 - Eligible expenses determined and other DEQ conditions satisfied prior to loan closing
 - Loan closing completed by VRA

Loan Terms

- Disbursements of loan proceeds made on a reimbursement basis
- Debt repayment begins 6 months after project completion
- 1 to 10 year repayment schedules available, depending on loan amount and asset useful life

Eligible Applicants

Any Virginia Producer wishing to implement eligible best management practices to reduce the amount of polluted agricultural runoff entering Virginia waters will be considered by DEQ for Ag BMP Loan Program assistance. SWCDs are also eligible to apply.

Eligible Practices

Surface Water and Groundwater Protection Practices

- Stream Fencing and Alternative Watering Systems
- Tree Plantings Along Streams
- Stormwater Impoundment and Sediment Retention
- Streambank Stabilization and Stream Crossings
- Water Table Control Structure and Constructed Wetlands
- Sink Hole Protection

Livestock and Structural Practices

- Roof Runoff Management Systems
- Animal Waste Structures and Pumping Systems
- Manure and Animal Composting Systems
- Animal Mortality Incinerators
- Chemical and Fertilizer Handling Facilities
- Relocation of Confined Feeding Operations
- Grazing Systems, Animal Travel Lanes, and Loafing Lots

No Till Drill Equipment