2022 GUIDELINE REVISIONS

The following are changes approved at the November 19, 2021 meeting of the KADB, which go into effect 1/1/2022.

General Policies:

Removed the following language from the KADB/KAFC Joint Policy on Hemp:

> "3. The KADB and KAFC will consider applications by universities/colleges for equipment and/or infrastructure needed to support the implementation of KDA's state hemp plan approved the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)."

Reauthorized the State Support to Limited Allocation Counties (SSLAC) initiative for 2022:

SSLAC 2022 would provide state funds to counties with allocations below $30,000, based on 2022 county allocations. The counties may use the funding for any project/program in line with the County's Plan for Agricultural Development.

Counties receiving SSLAC would be able to roll over any remaining funds for continued investment.

The total state funds invested would be up to $520,000. *Estimated counties and amounts are attached after page 4, based on budgeted numbers. Amounts subject to change.*

Projects & State Programs

Meat Processing Incentives Program (MPIP):

GUIDELINES:

Sunsets 12/31/2021. For 2022, any meat processing applications will go through the standard project application process and be referred to and reviewed by the Meat Processing Expansion Committee.

On-Farm Energy Efficiency Incentives:

This section applies **ONLY** to the state energy program. *It is not relevant to the CAIP energy investment area.*

GUIDELINES:

Reauthorized for 2022

Revised submission deadlines: April 29, 2022; August 26, 2022; December 16, 2022

Revised D.7. to read "Solar projects require at least 50 percent of energy usage to be for the farming operation. The actual percentage of energy determined to benefit the farming operation will be the basis to determine eligible project costs. A separate meter is encouraged, but not required."

On-Farm Water Management:

*This section applies **ONLY** to the state water program.* *It is not relevant to the CAIP on-farm water investment area.*

GUIDELINES:

Reauthorized for 2022

Revised submission deadlines: April 29, 2022; August 26, 2022; December 16, 2022

Added "forgivable loans" as a funding option for "Research, Development and Demonstration (RDD)" and Producer Implemented Project (PIP)" applications

Added the following language to PIP requirements: "Applicants must be able to complete and implement a formal education and outreach plan to quantify and substantiate the benefit to Kentucky farmers for five (5) years." *Similar language is in the RDD guidelines.*

Added to Small Scale Grants "Expenditures related to excavation, renovation, or construction of ponds are NOT eligible for funding."

Project Guidelines:

Community Gardens - Reauthorized for 2022. No changes.

Farmers Markets – Reauthorized for 2022. No changes.

County Programs

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR):

Reauthorized for 2022. No changes.

Next Generation Beginning Farmer (NextGen):

Reauthorized for 2022. No changes.

Shared-Use Equipment:

Reauthorized for 2022. No changes.

Youth Agricultural Incentives Program:

GUIDELINES:

Reauthorized for 2022

Added "semen for A.I." to Livestock Production

Added to educational component requirement "a minimum of two (2) hours"

Clarified that participation is limited to county residents or non-county residents that actively participate in at least one of the county's youth programs.

County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP):

STANDARD GUIDELINES:

Reauthorized for 2022

Revised Agriculture Water Quality Authority Plan requirement language
VI.A.4. "Applicants shall have completed a Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act (AWQA) Plan with either the complete plan or a self-certification form for the farm for which CAIP funding is requested **and provide verification or documentation with application."**

PRODUCER APPLICATION:

Modified highest (15) and lowest (-20) point values to Question 2 "In the previous program year, check which answer best describes you:"

Revised Question 8 and change answer options to - "Within 5 years of the date of this application, have you done any of the following? (select all that apply):
__ added a new farming enterprise (1)   __ modified an existing farming enterprise (1)
__ added a new practice (1)   specify* for each: _____

Changed answer options for Question 11 "Do you have a marketing plan for your operation?"
__ No (0)   __ Yes, not written (1)   __ Yes, written (2)   __ Yes, written with help of a professional (3)
Administrator may request verification of written plan.

Changed answer options for Question 14 "Have you updated your Ag Water Quality Plan?"
__Yes, within 3 years (5)   __ Yes, within 4- 5 years   (3)   __ Yes, six or more years ago (0)   __ No (-5)
Administrator may request verification of updated plan.

Added new question as Question 19, adjusting numbering accordingly:
"Have you sold agriculture-related products at a local/area farmers market?"
_ Yes (2) _ No (0) *if yes, name of market*

CAIP INVESTMENT AREAS:

Agricultural Diversification:

Add to Commercial Horticulture Production - tobacco as an eligible crop, *excluding seeds, transplants, etc.* (similar to hemp language)

Add to Commercial Horticulture Production - cost of participation a Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) program

AgTech & Leadership Development:

Add Drones for agricultural purposes with the following requirements:

1. have remote pilot certificate;

2. register drone with FAA and display the N-number on the aircraft; and

3. educational component must be related to drone operation for agriculture

Animal, Large:

Revised the following prerequisites for A. Cattle – Beef & Dairy:

"Ownership of all breeding stock must be maintained for… a minimum of ~~six (6)~~ **twelve (12)** months."

"Beginning 2021, all bulls purchased through this program must be genomically tested (genomically-enhanced EPDs) or have an accuracy value for Calving Ease EPD of ~~.30~~ **.25** or above. ****"

Animal, Small:

Add cleaning and disinfection equipment for biosecurity to all investment categories

Add to swine – scales

Add to swine – forage/TMR mixers, feedways, feeding equipment systems (including retrofitted scale kits) *similar to language in large animal*

Add to bees – training and equipment for insemination

Add to bees – mite checker equipment

Add to rabbits – commercial bred Angora rabbits to eligible breeds

Fencing & On-Farm Water:

Add to on-farm water: environmental stewardship – field-to-field stream crossing

Value-Added & Marketing:

Revise E. Food Safety to "**E. Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)** & Food Safety" to allow tobacco-related expenditures to be eligible

Revise E.4. "…essential to good agricultural practices **or** ~~that ensure~~ food safety…"