

Energy Enhancement Activity – ENR05 – Locally Grown and Marketed Farm Products



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This enhancement is for conversion to a farm operation where inputs to the farm such as livestock feed and fertilizer are sourced locally and products from the farm are sold to consumers locally.

Land Use Applicability

This enhancement is applicable on cropland, pastureland, rangeland and forest land.

Benefits

This enhancement will encourage a more efficient use of our resources; reduce transportation cost, enhance nutrient cycling, increase awareness of local agricultural resources, benefit smaller farms, improve markets for specialty crops, increase agricultural produce diversity, build sustainability, preserve agricultural landscapes and land use near urban centers.

Criteria

- 80% of livestock feed and/or fertilizer used to produce livestock and/or crops originates within a radius of 100 miles of the farm.
- 80% of the agricultural products produced on the farm will be processed and sold retail, including direct farmer-to-consumer sales within 400 miles of the farm or within the state the farm is located in.

Documentation Requirements

- A Nutrient Management Plan that shows the quantity of nutrients applied to cropland and identifies the source of the nutrients.
- A feed management plan that shows the quantity of feed supplied to livestock and the source of the feed.
- A marketing plan for farm products that identifies market outlets.



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State Criteria

Implementation of this enhancement **requires** inputs to the farm such as livestock feed and fertilizers are sourced locally and products from the farm are sold to consumers locally.

- 1. Farm Inputs:
 - a. 80% of livestock feed used to produce livestock originates within a radius of 100 miles of the farm.
 - b. 80% of fertilizer used to produce crops originates within a radius of 100 miles of the farm.
- 2. Farm Products:
 - a. 80% of the agricultural products produced on the farm will be processed and sold retail within 400 miles of the farm or within the state the farm is located utilizing:
 - i. Direct marketing farmer-to-consumer sales
 - ii. Local food cooperatives
 - iii. Local farmer markets
 - iv. Community Supported Agricultural (CSA) shares/membership/subscription
 - v. Local restaurants and grocery stores

Documentation Requirements:

- Cropland: Nutrient Management Plan that shows the quantity of nutrients applied to all cropland and identifies the source/origin of the nutrients.
- Livestock: Feed Management Plan that shows the quantity of feed supplied to all livestock and the source/origin of the feed.
- Marketing plan for farm products that identifies market outlets utilized for the farm.

I certify that the following information meets specifications and has been provided to NRCS:

- 1. Nutrient Management Plan on any cropland with quantity of nutrients applied to all cropland and identifies source/origin of nutrients.
- 2. Feed Management Plan for livestock with quantity of all feed supplied to livestock and source/origin of feedstuff identified.
- 3. Marketing Plan for all farm products that identifies market outlets utilized.

I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain all necessary permits and to comply with all laws, regulations and ordinances pertaining to the application of these activities.

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____