

Emergency Livestock Mortality Management Fact Sheet



On December 15, 2021 Kansas agriculture was significantly impacted by a weather event. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will work to help farmers and ranchers obtain technical and financial assistance to assist in properly disposing of livestock mortality, using a practice called Animal Mortality Management, through an emergency effort via Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Farm Service Agency (FSA) also has programs that work in conjunction with NRCS.

What is the Emergency Animal Mortality Management Practice?

Producers that experienced livestock losses are encouraged to file an EQIP application with their local NRCS Field Office. **Applications are being accepted now through Friday, January 14, 2022.** Through EQIP, farmers and ranchers can apply for Emergency Animal Mortality Management to properly dispose of carcasses. This practice can assist with rendering, incineration, and/or carcass burial costs.

Emergency Animal Mortality Management

Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) code 368 is applied to reduce the impacts to surface and groundwater resources, reduce the impacts of odors, and decrease the spread of pathogens associated with catastrophic animal mortality. This practice does not apply to routine animal mortality. For routine animal mortality, use NRCS CPS Code 316, Animal Mortality Facility.

How to apply?

Step 1: Contact your local NRCS office at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov under the Contact Us tab or click [here](#). If you plan to apply for any other emergency programs at your USDA Service Center be sure to inquire about EQIP Animal Mortality options.

Step 2: Sign an application form and an early start waiver with NRCS. A blanket waiver to begin a conservation practice before having an approved contract has already been implemented by the State Conservationist.

Step 3: If you already have a catastrophic mortality plan, move to Step 4. If you do not have a plan for catastrophic mortality, you can contact your local NRCS office to assist you with locating or evaluating a potential site for burial or composting. Along with soil and water resources, NRCS will evaluate whether the site impacts cultural resources or historic preservation sites.

Over the next 30 to 60 days, NRCS will work with you to obtain a contract and identify amounts of financial assistance based on payment scenarios and estimates of your losses.

Step 4: Work with your local NRCS office to collect and provide documentation of animal loss (including rendering tickets, landfills tickets, numbers, and types of animals disposed).

