

Animal Waste Continuing Conservation Initiative

Get paid for conservation you have already done!

The Shenandoah Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (SVSWCD) can pay for animal waste storage that was done voluntarily or is being maintained after a programmatic lifespan ends.

To be eligible for funding:

- Practice cannot be under lifespan through another program
- Practice must be effectively storing on-site generated animal waste
- Producer must agree to maintain the practice for a 5 year lifespan

Practice Name	Base Payment Rate	Manure Treated Payment Rate
Waste Storage Facility – Poultry	\$5,000 per Facility	+ \$1.50/Animal Unit* – based on annual manure production for current operation's flock size
Waste Storage Facility – Non-Poultry	\$5,000 per Facility	+ \$10-\$25/Animal Unit* – based on use of facility and current operation's herd size for manure treated/produced
Mortality Composting Facility (Bins or Drums)	\$250/bin or bin equivalent	

*An animal unit is equal to 1,000 lbs

How do I sign up?

- Contact the SVSWCD to schedule an appointment for staff to collect information regarding your operation and visit your site to determine eligibility.

What will be expected?

- If staff determines that maintenance is needed, these items must be addressed before the structure can be certified and paid
 - Example: Wall or roofing panel needs to be replaced or refastened
- By accepting payment, the participant agrees to maintain a functional waste storage/composting facility for a 5 year lifespan beginning January 1st of the year following payment
- Waste from the operation must be effectively stored in the waste storage facility and not in a manner that impacts water quality
- A current Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) on all agricultural production acres receiving manure from the associated storage structure is required

For more information, contact
the Shenandoah Valley SWCD
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