

# Requirements for Heavy Use Area Protection Incentive

## Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) FY2008

**Purpose:** To encourage *relocation* of winter hay feeding sites for beef or dairy cows from areas of "High Risk" to areas of "Medium to Low Risk". [Planning Tool for Beef Feeding Sites](#) is used to determine whether or not a site qualifies for incentive payment.

**Eligible Land:** Pasture land.

**Maximum Payment:**

- \$1000 total for 3 years for going from "High Risk" to "Medium Risk" or "Medium Risk" to "Low Risk" rating with [Planning Tool for Beef Feeding Sites](#)
- \$2000 total for 3 years for going from "High Risk" to "Low Risk" rating with [Planning Tool for Beef Feeding Sites](#)

**Payment Schedule:**

- For \$1000 incentive, \$8/AU (AU = 1000 lbs of animal)
- For \$2000 incentive, \$16/AU (AU = 1000 lbs of animal)

**Producer requirements for payment:**

- Follow and maintain BMPs developed from achieving "Medium" or "Low" risk rating using [Planning Tool for Beef Feeding Sites](#)