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**LEXINGTON COUNTY AGRICULTURE COST SHARE PROGRAM  
 APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE**

Applicant

Landowner

NAME: _____ Phone: _____ BUSINESS: _____ Mobile: _____ ADDRESS: _____  LAND OWNER <input type="checkbox"/> RENTER <input type="checkbox"/>	NAME: _____ Phone: _____ BUSINESS: _____ Mobile: _____ ADDRESS: _____  SAME AS APPLICANT <input type="checkbox"/>
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**If applicant is not the landowner, complete landowner information and have all parties sign all forms, or provide a copy of 10 year lease in lieu of landowner signatures.**

**Please answer the following questions.**

- Total Farm Acreage:** \_\_\_\_\_
- Land Use** (Please fill in the blank).
  - Percent or Acreage of farm in:
    - Pastureland \_\_\_\_\_
    - Cropland \_\_\_\_\_
    - Other (i.e. non-pastured wetlands, natural areas) \_\_\_\_\_
- Type of agricultural operation.**  Animals Type \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Facility Number/DWQ Permit Number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crop (i.e. rotational wheat/soybeans/cotton, corn, rye, etc.)       Nursery  
 Vineyard/Orchard                       Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_
- Does your operation have any Animal Concentration Areas (ACAs)?      YES       NO 
  - Definition of Animal Concentration Areas (ACAs):** Livestock confinement areas other than indoor facilities and true pastures:
    - Barnyards, feedlots, loafing areas, exercise lots and similar animal confinement areas that will not maintain a growing crop
    - Heavily stocked livestock areas with large amounts of waste deposits (e.g. cow manure) in close proximity to receiving water, inability to maintain vegetation, and frequently use by livestock.
    - Heavy use areas within pastures, such as: cattle access ways, supplemental feeding, shade and watering areas
- To your knowledge, does untreated, unfiltered runoff from the area enter a local waterway?  
 YES                       NO

6. To your knowledge, is the area within 50 feet of an active well, spring or sinkhole?

YES  NO

7. Is this a newly established farm operation? YES  NO

Please provide the date the farm operation was established. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Has the farm operation expanded in the last three (3) years? YES  NO

If the answer is "yes":

- Please describe the expansion (i.e., land purchase, increase # of animals). \_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you have **farm records** established with the **Lexington County USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or Soil and Water Conservation District?** YES  NO

**If no, please contact Rafael Mendez or Bill Melvin at (803) 359-3165 ext. 3 prior to submitting this application**

10. Does the farm operation you are applying for have a **USDA Soil Conservation Plan?** YES  NO

If the answer is "yes":

- Please attach copy of plan map.
- Please Provide the Date of Plan \_\_\_\_\_ and the Plan Number \_\_\_\_\_
- Has the Plan been implemented? YES  NO
- Has the Plan been completed? YES  NO

If the answer is "no", are you willing to obtain a **USDA Soil Conservation Plan?**

YES  NO

- **An approved USDA Soil Conservation Plan is required before participation in the program.**
- **Participating farms will be visited annually to make sure the conservation plan is up to date, that the conservation practices are working, and that implementation of the approved plan is on schedule.**
- **A Soil Conservation Plan is a free service offered by the local NRCS office.**

11. Please describe the conservation practices currently used on the farm:

\_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby apply for cost sharing assistance under the Lexington County Agriculture Cost Share Program. This application does not guarantee cost share approval and it does not obligate the applicant to enter into a cost share agreement. For the purposes of developing and implementing my application, I authorize the release of records that are in custody of USDA. I acknowledge that producer, landowner and farm information provided on this application and/or accompanying documents, including information and documents received from the USDA, are subject to the South Carolina Public Records Law and may be disclosed to third parties.**

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NRCS \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved \_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_

Lexington Co. Soil and Water Conservation \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved \_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_