

Who May Apply for Loans

- *Farmers*
- *Rural landowners*
- *Farm supply business*

Loans are used to restore or protect water quality, whether on a farm, a rural home site, in an unsewered community, or at a lakeside cabin.



Conservation tillage equipment

Loan Terms

- *Maximum loan amount is \$100,000*
- *Maximum loan length is 10 years*
- *Maximum interest rate is 3%*
- *Lender may charge customary fees*
- *Lender may require collateral*
- *Borrower must meet lending criteria*
- *Additional local limitations may apply*



Sedimentation basin

Contact Information

Contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District, local county environmental office, or local water planning officials shown below.

Local Government Offices:

Chad Viland
Faribault County SWCD
415 S Grove Street Suite #8
Blue Earth MN. 56013

507-526-2388

Local Participating Lenders:

There may be other participating local lenders available. Ask your local government office for a full list of participating lenders.

Additional Information or Questions:

Dwight Wilcox
AgBMP Loan Program
625 Robert St N
St. Paul, MN 55155
651-201-6618 fax: 651-201-6109
Dwight.Wilcox@state.mn.us
<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/agbmploans>



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Financing Solutions for Clean Water

Agricultural Best Management Practices Loans AgBMP Loan Program

Loans for:

- *Feedlot improvements, manure storage basins, and spreading equipment*
- *Conservation tillage equipment*
- *Terraces, waterways, sediment basins*
- *Shore and river stabilization*
- *Other projects that improve water quality*



Feedlot improvements under construction





Lakeshore stabilization

Cost Savings

The AgBMP Loan Program provides financing at below-market interest rates. These 3% low-interest loans save you money, making it more economical to implement practices that improve and protect water quality.

Years	Loan Amount	Total Interest Paid		Cost Savings
		3%	6%	
5	\$10,000	\$918	\$1,870	\$952
5	\$30,000	\$2,753	\$5,609	\$2,856
10	\$50,000	\$8,615	\$17,934	\$9,319
10	\$100,000	\$17,231	\$35,868	\$18,637

Money Available

Each year over \$10 million is available for loans in Minnesota. The Program is funded by the Minnesota State Legislature, the Minnesota Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is administered through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

No grants are given by this program.



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Ineligible Projects

- *Projects already completed*
- *Improving feedlots with more than 1,000 animal units*
- *Constructing a new facility*



Manure application equipment

Application Process

1. The borrower proposes a project to the county for approval.
2. If the borrower is eligible and the project addresses local water quality problems, the county approves the project and refers it to a participating local lender.
3. The lender evaluates the financial details of the project and decides whether to offer a loan.
4. The lender and the borrower negotiate the terms of the loan.
5. The borrower completes the project.
6. The borrower provides bills and receipts for the cost of the project to the lender.
7. The lender requests and receives money from the AgBMP Loan Program.
8. The lender issues the loan to the borrower.
9. The borrower pays back the lender.
10. The lender pays back the AgBMP Loan Program.