

Your Agriculture Water Quality Plan will help you look at these areas of your operation:

Farmstead - solid waste, household wastewater (septic system), petroleum storage, well or other water supply;

Crops - row crops, hay, animal waste application, turf, horticulture crops;

Livestock - streamside grazing, feeding areas, waste application and/or disposal, and dead animal disposal;

Pesticides and Fertilizers - use or storage of pesticides and fertilizers;

Silviculture - growing or harvesting timber or forest products;

Streams and other waters - sand and gravel removal from streams, stream crossings, streambank stabilization, stream obstruction removal.

Cost Share Funds for Best Management Practices

Developing an Agriculture Water Quality Plan ensures that you will be eligible to apply for financial assistance through the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program, as well as other cost share programs offered through the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

If you need to install a conservation practice on your farm and require financial assistance, you may want to apply for one of the state or federal cost share programs that are available. Check with the Kenton County Conservation District office for availability and details about the programs.

What will my plan look like?

Individual agriculture water quality plans are based on Best Management Practices (BMPs) that are identified in the Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Authority Plan. These BMPs can help reduce the amount of pollutants that reach our water resources.

Many landowners find that they are already applying good conservation measures that protect water quality. Others find that only a few changes are needed and these often result in improved efficiency and profitability for the operation. Your agriculture water quality plan will identify the current BMPs and help you decide if you need additional practices. BMPs establish a minimum acceptable level for planning, siting, designing, installing, operating, and maintaining agriculture and forestry facilities and operations.

Landowners who have a conservation plan, compliance plan or a forest stewardship plan may need to update and expand that plan to be sure that it includes protection of water resources.

To be valid, Agriculture Water Quality Plans must be current and address existing operations on your land. Call the Kenton County Conservation District office for assistance.

You may also want to visit the Ag Water Quality home page at
<http://www.uky.edu/bae/awqp>

This web site has an on-line tool that can be used to assess your operation and identify BMPs to be included in your individual plan.

Need Help?

Contact the
Kenton County Conservation District office for:

Agriculture Water Quality Plan Forms; Certification Sheets; Example Plans; Best Management Practices information; and help in writing and implementing your Agriculture Water Quality Plan.



Kenton County Conservation District

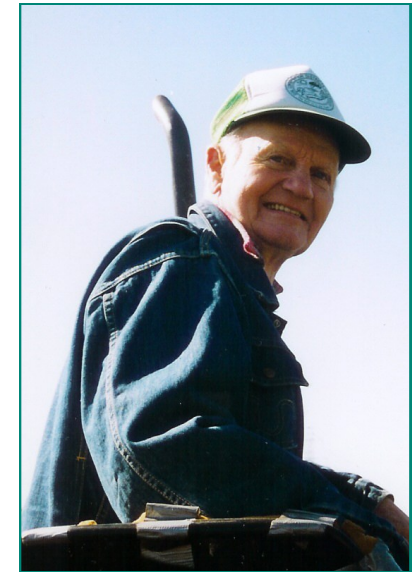
Kenton County Independence Courthouse
Second Floor, 5272 Madison Pike
P. O. Box 647, Independence, KY 41051
Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Phone: (859) 356-1019

<https://www.kccdky.org>

Natural Resources Conservation Service
6028 Camp Ernst Road - Burlington, KY 41005
(859) 586-7903 (Press 3)

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Do you have a plan?



If you:

- own 10 or more acres of land that are in agriculture or forestry production,
- are part of a Kentucky Agricultural District,
- or receive an agriculture tax deferment from the county Property Valuation office,

**you need a
Kentucky Agriculture
Water Quality Plan.**

Agriculture Water Quality Planning	Conservation Districts and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) NRCS: http://www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov/ Kenton County Conservation District Kenton County Independence Courthouse, Second Floor, 5272 Madison Pike. Independence, KY 41051 Phone: 859-356-1019 www.kccdky.org Campbell County Conservation District 8350 East Main St, Alexandria, KY 41001 Phone: 859-635-9587 www.campbellkyconservation.org/ Boone County Conservation District 6028 Camp Ernst Rd., Burlington, KY 41005 Phone: 859-586-7903 (Press 3) www.boonecountyky.org/bccd	Farm Commodity Programs	Farm Service Agency (Boone, Campbell & Kenton) 6028 Camp Ernst Road, Burlington, KY 41005 Phone: 859-586-6175 http://www.fsa.usda.gov
Best Management Practices		Forestry Production and Harvesting	Kentucky Division of Forestry http://www.forestry.ky.gov/ P.O. Box 516, Frankfort, KY 40601 Phone: 502-573-1085 or 1-800-866-0876
Cost Share Programs		Tree Seedlings	
Dead Livestock Removal Assistance		Field Borders, Filter Strips, Buffers, Riparian Corridors	Kentucky Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Resources Private Lands Wildlife Biologist #1 Sportsman's Lane Frankfort, KY 40601 Phone:1-859-246-2818 or 1-800-858-1549 http://fw.ky.gov/
Agricultural Districts		Wildlife Information	
Total Farm Planning	Cooperative Extension Service, Univ. of Kentucky http://ces.ca.uky.edu/ces/ Kenton: 10990 Marshall Road, Covington, KY 41015 Phone: 859-356-3155 Boone: 6028 Camp Ernst Rd., Burlington, KY 41005 Phone: 859-586-6101 Campbell: 3500 Alex. Pk., Highland Heights, KY 41076 Phone: 859-572-2600	Stream Crossings	KY Department for Environmental Protection KY Division of Air KY Division of Waste Management KY Division of Water
Warm season grass drill, tree planter, tree planting and other equipment rentals		Stream Debris, Sand & Gravel Removal	
Soil Testing		Burning regulations	Florence Regional Office 8020 Veterans Memorial Drive, Suite 110 Florence, KY 41042 Phone: 859-525-4923
Manure Testing		Air, Waste, & Water Quality Permits & Regulations	
Crop Production		General Information	Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet 300 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601 http://www.dep.ky.gov/ Phone: 502-564-0323 E-mail: envhelp@ky.gov Phone: 1-800-928-2380 (24- hour Response Line)
Pesticide Use and Storage	Kentucky Dept. of Agriculture 107 Corporate Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601 Phone: 502-573-0282 (General information) www.kyagr.com Division of Pesticides, Complaint Phone: 1-866-289-0001 For Free Farm Chemical Collection, phone 1-800-205-6543 and leave name, phone number, address and county to arrange pick up. Call Extension office for local Pesticide Container Recycling State Veterinarian Phone: 502-573-0282 Option 3	Report Spills and Releases	
Pesticide Container Recycling		Water Quality Regulations and Permits	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Louisville District P. O. Box 59, Louisville, KY 40201-0059 Phone: 502-582-5452 http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/orf/default.asp
Livestock Production		Septic Systems Drinking Water Other Health Issues	Northern Kentucky Independent Health District 610 Medical Village Drive, Edgewood, KY 41017 Phone: 859-341-4151 http://www.nkyhealth.org
Agriculture Information		Ky. Agriculture Water Quality Authority	Kentucky Division of Conservation 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601 Phone: 502-782-6849 http://www.conservation.ky.gov/
Agriculture Chemical Collection		Equip. Loan Program	
Pesticide Container Recycling	Kenton Co. Solid Waste 420 Indep. Station Rd., Independence, KY 41051 Phone: 859-392-1920 Boone Co. Solid Waste: 5645 Idlewild Rd., Burlington, KY 41005 Phone: 859-334-3151 Campbell Co. Solid Waste: 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, KY 41071 Phone: 859-547-1802	Local Agriculture Programs	Kentucky Farm Bureau - County Offices Boone: 8640 Haines Drive, Florence, KY 41042 Phone: 859-525-0123 Campbell:107 Washington St., Alexandria, KY 41001 Phone: 859-635-2101 Kenton:1997 Walton-Nicholson Pk, Indep., KY 41051 Phone: 859-356-2161
State Veterinarian		Legislative Information	
Solid Waste Disposal (oil, tires, paint, etc.)			
Recycling			
Abandoned Vehicle Removal			

What is the Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act?

The goal of the Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act is to protect surface and ground water from potential pollutants as a result of agriculture and forestry operations. The Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act was passed in 1994 to bring Kentucky into compliance with Federal laws. There are about 60 separate state regulations governing water quality as related to agriculture and forestry. The majority of these regulations have been a part of the Kentucky Revised Statute for many years. The Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act did not establish any new water quality laws other than requiring that all landowners with 10 or more acres in agriculture and/or forestry production develop and implement a water quality plan by October 21, 2001. The law is recorded in KRS 224.71-100 *et seq.*

What is required?

The Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act requires landowners with 10 or more acres to develop and implement a plan to protect surface and ground water from pollution due to agriculture or forestry activities. You will need to update your plan each year or when there are changes in your farming operation.

Do I have to register my plan?

Landowners must keep a copy of their plan, but are not required to file their water quality plan with any governmental agency. You may be required to furnish a copy of your plan to participate in certain state and federal agricultural cost share programs and training programs. You will need to produce a copy of your plan if a water quality problem is identified and traced to your operation. Keep any records, receipts, inspection schedules and other materials that will help verify that you are implementing your plan. A self-certification form should be filed with your Conservation District office. By signing this form, you certify that you understand the requirements of the Agriculture Water Quality Act and that you have developed a water quality plan for your operation.

What if I lease the land I farm?

The landowner is ultimately responsible for developing and implementing the water quality plan; however, tenants and lessees also share in the responsibility. The land tenant may be more familiar with the land than the owner and may be in a better position to develop a plan that is both protective of the water and land resources, and practical to apply. If you own or lease more than one parcel of land, you may write one water quality plan as long as all of the different parcels are included in the plan.

Who is responsible for enforcement?

Enforcement of Kentucky's water quality laws is the responsibility of the Kentucky Division of Water. The enforcement process is complaint driven. Notices will be issued to landusers when water pollution problems are identified. Fines up to \$25,000 per day may be levied for violations that pollute the waters of the Commonwealth. Landowners who have a plan are given the opportunity to correct problems without penalties or fines if a violation is found. If the landowner chooses not to correct the problem, they may lose eligibility for financial assistance and the Division of Water can take enforcement action against them.