






Management Intensive Grazing for Dairies

A Demonstration Project



If you have been thinking about changing your dairy herd's diet to a pasture-based forage system, now is the time to act. Qualifying dairy farmers in Frederick and Washington counties may now apply for an up front \$200 per acre incentive payment to help cover the cost of converting their feeding systems to a pasture-based forage system. Funds may be used to help farmers:





-  Establish or enhance pastures
-  Install a watering system
-  Erect fences

Participants may also apply for state and federal cost-share assistance of up to 87.5 percent of the cost of the project to install qualifying best management practices through the Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share (MACS) Program and the USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).








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Program Benefits & Guidelines

-  \$200 per acre for pasture conversion
-  State and federal cost-share assistance to install eligible best management practices
-  Three year commitment
-  Program flexibility allows farmers to adjust implementation to suit individual operation conditions

Operation Benefits

-  Reduces operating costs
-  Improves dairy herd health
-  Improves manure management
-  Reduces soil erosion and improves water quality
-  Expands marketing opportunities

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