

Incentive Payments and Cost Share Amounts

Exclusion fencing: A cost share of up to 25% of the cost of the fencing.

Prescribed grazing plans: An incentive payment of \$22.50/acre of pastureland enrolled into a EQIP prescribed grazing plan.

Feedlot buffer: An incentive payment of \$1,000/acre.

Manured cropland or pasture buffer strips: Upfront incentives based on practice type and length

- 10 yr. CRP contract: (CRP per acre payment) x (20%) x (10) x (# of acres)
- 15 yr. CRP contract: (CRP per acre payment) x (30%) x (10) x (# of acres)
- Permanent easement: \$1,000 per acre .

All incentives will be paid as a lump sum payment to landowner when project is completed.

Cost share will be paid at completion of the project and remittance of receipts for fencing costs

For more information on payment rates, program specifics, and project criteria contact your county SWCD office or the Pomme de Terre Watershed Project office.

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New Incentives for Bacteria Reduction Practices in the Pomme de Terre River Watershed!

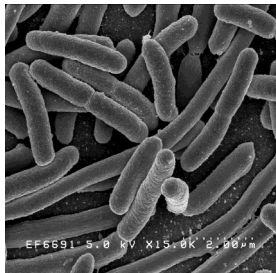


Waterway buffers
Feedlot buffers
Exclusion Fencing
Prescribed grazing

Available Programs and Examples

Extra Incentives and Cost Share \$\$ for You

Fecal coliform bacteria is bacteria that exists in the fecal matter of warm blooded animals. As part of the effort to reduce the delivery of fecal matter to our water the PdT Watershed Project received a grant to implement Best Management Practices on the ground to reduce fecal coliform bacteria levels



E. coli can be present in fecal coliform

in the watershed. The watershed now has extra incentives and cost share money for the following practices:

- Vegetated buffer strips for manured crop fields and cattle pastures adjacent to or near protected waterways
- Vegetated buffer strips for feedlot runoff control.
- Livestock exclusion fencing
- USDA-NRCS prescribed grazing systems

These incentives and cost share dollars will be in addition to whatever cost share or incentives are available through existing programs like CRP or EQIP. Priorities will be given to those fields or pastures adjacent to or near protected watercourses, tributary lakes and wetlands.

This brochure will explain the programs available through the watershed and give some examples of the money a producer can expect to receive for implementing various practices to reduce bacteria delivery to the waterways of the Pomme de Terre River Watershed.

Example 1: Crop field stream buffer

Landowner A contracts with a large hog operation to have manure spread on his fields. A tributary stream runs through one of his fields. Currently the stream is not buffered, and cropping and manure spreading occurs near the edge of the stream. Landowner A decides to enroll the land adjacent to the stream into a 15 year CRP buffer program. Since this field receives manure, and is in the PdT watershed, landowner A is eligible for added incentives for his project. Based on the soil type and CRP practices the payment rate for the CRP contract is \$120/acre. The total acres being buffered on this field works out to be 8 acres. In addition to the CRP payments, this landowner could receive an upfront incentive payment of **\$2,880** from the watershed. (see payment rates on back page)



Example 2: Cattle pasture project

Landowner B grazes cattle on a large pasture along both sides of the river. Currently, the cattle use the river for their drinking water. Landowner B decides to work with the NRCS to come up with a prescribed grazing plan. The grazing specialist comes up with a plan including paddock fencing, wells and water tanks. The total pasture acres for this project 250 acres. The landowner signs a EQIP contract for prescribed grazing. The incentive from the watershed for prescribed grazing is \$22.50/acre. So landowner B would receive an incentive payment from the watershed of **\$5,625**. This is in addition to the grazing payment and the cost share that the EQIP program pays!



A rotationally grazed pasture system with supplemental water for the cattle. A properly managed pasture can reduce bacteria delivery to waterways by 40%

If, as part of this project, landowner B decides to fence off the river to the cattle, he would be eligible for the additional cost share dollars for the cost of the fencing used to exclude the cattle from the river.



An exclusion fence installed along the edge of this pasture protects the stream and riparian areas from grazing animals.