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Signup Deadline Announced for Alabama's Animal Mortality Facility Initiative

Auburn, Alabama, April 27, 2026 – Alabama State Conservationist, Ben Malone, with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announces that the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Animal Mortality Facility Initiative for Fiscal Year 2026 signup deadline is **May 29, 2026**.

Alabama is offering financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to address on-farm concentrated nutrient and pathogen leaching losses due to animal mortality. Animal Mortality Facilities (Conservation Practice Standard CPS 316), including incinerators, dehydrators, and composters, are eligible for financial assistance. Priority will be given to incinerators. Further prioritization will be given to those producers that have documentation stating that they must convert from mortality freezers to another means of normal mortality disposal.

Producers interested in participating and meet eligibility criteria should contact their local District Conservationist. NRCS accepts applications for conservation programs year-round, but applications are ranked and funded by enrollment periods. Applications signed and submitted to NRCS by the, Friday, May 29, 2026, deadline will be evaluated for fiscal year 2026 funding within this initiative.

For more information about Alabama NRCS and Programmatic initiatives, priorities and assessment/ranking criteria, visit online at www.al.nrcs.usda.gov. Additionally, visit your local USDA Service Center to determine eligibility; applicants are not eligible for USDA programs until they have ensured all Farm Bill eligibility requirements have been met. You can locate your local Service Center at farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

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