

Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP) and the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP) Eligibility

[Session Law 2015-263](#) amended the eligibility requirements for the Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP) and the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP). The eligibility requirements for these programs now read:

To be eligible for assistance under this program, each applicant must establish that the applicant meets the definition of a bona fide farm as described by G.S. 153A-340(b)(2).

[G.S. 153A-340\(b\)\(2\)](#) describes a bona fide farm using the text copied below:

... For purposes of determining whether a property is being used for bona fide farm purposes, any of the following shall constitute sufficient evidence that the property is being used for bona fide farm purposes:

- a. A farm sales tax exemption certificate issued by the Department of Revenue.*
- b. A copy of the property tax listing showing that the property is eligible for participation in the present use value program pursuant to G.S. 105-277.3.*
- c. A copy of the farm owner's or operator's Schedule F from the owner's or operator's most recent federal income tax return.*
- d. A forest management plan.*
- e. A Farm Identification Number issued by the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency.*

Both ACSP and AgWRAP retain the provision that in extraordinary circumstances, the Commission may permit an applicant to establish that he or she is engaged in farming with an alternate form of documentation if the farm has a conservation plan that meets the statutory purposes of the program.

These eligibility requirements are in effect as of September 30, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact your cost share specialist.