



Swine & Dairy Assistance Program
COOPERATOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Agricultural Water Supply Pond Conversion



Cooperator Name: _____ Date: _____
Tract/Field: _____ County: _____

The following items provide important information regarding SDAP policies pertaining to Agricultural Water Supply Pond projects. The cooperator should read through each of the items and initial on the line to acknowledge that they have read and understand the information.

This form should be filled out with the assistance of local Soil and Water Conservation District staff so that they may provide further explanation and answer any questions that arise.

_____ The intent of the pond is to be used for agricultural water supply purposes.

_____ It is the responsibility of the cooperator to comply with all federal, state and local laws and permit requirements.

_____ The pond conversion must be designed to meet the specifications listed below based on the hazard classification:

- a) Excavated Ponds – NRCS Standard 378
- b) Low Hazard – NRCS Standard 378 **OR** NRCS Standard 402 Code TR-60 **OR** NC Dam Safety Law (15A NCAC 02K .0100)
- c) Intermediate Hazard – NC Dam Safety Law (15A NCAC 02K .0100) **OR** NRCS Dam 402 code TR-60
- d) High Hazard – NC Dam Safety Law (15A NCAC 02K .0100)

_____ Any pond conversion that is classified as Intermediate or High Hazard, pursuant to NC Dam Safety Law, is required to be designed by a **private** engineer.

_____ All ponds must be designed and certified by a professional engineer or an individual with appropriate job approval authority.

_____ Existing structures may require upgrades to meet current standards. The engineer shall make a determination during an evaluation of the entire system.

_____ In the event that the cooperator chooses not to act on deficiencies noted by the engineer and the structure fails, the cooperator is not eligible for additional cost share and will be responsible for repairing the structure at their own expense.

_____ Lack of suitable borrow material in the near vicinity of the proposed pond site may result in additional expense to haul material.

_____ Additional water can be used to fill ponds including removing diversion ditches, stormwater runoff and other water resources. Note, water level in pond may not meet ample water supply needs due to lack of drainage area to fill the pond.

_____ It is the responsibility of the cooperator to dedicate a waste material location and disperse material at conclusion of construction.

_____ A method for distributing the water from the pond for agricultural use **must** be available.

_____ Livestock shall be excluded from the pond, including the dam, if applicable. In cases of emergency, cooperators may contact their Soil and Water Conservation District and request a temporary exception.

_____ The pond shall not be used as a commercial aquaculture production pond.

_____ A signed Operation and Maintenance Plan is required.

I acknowledge by my signature below that I have read and understand the policies listed above.

PRINT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

District Technical Representative

I acknowledge I have reviewed the impoundment closure plan and associated policies with the cooperator listed above.

PRINT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____