# Section 1 - Program Requirements

The following questions are to ensure that applicant producers understand EAP program requirements. If you have any questions about the materials below, please reach out to your regional lead for more information or consult the materials linked.

## 1.1 Please certify that you have read, understood, and are willing to comply with the program requirements, producer expectations, anticipated timelines, and eligibility requirements outlined in the [EAP FAQ Document](https://www.nature.org/content/dam/tnc/nature/en/documents/Expanding-Agroforestry-Project_FAQ.pdf). \*

Yes No

## 1.2 Please certify that you have read and understood the [EAP Application Guidance](https://www.nature.org/en-us/what-we-do/our-priorities/provide-food-and-water-sustainably/expanding-agroforestry-production/?vu=expandingagroforestry&tab_q=tab_container-tab_element_500435358) & Instructions. \*

Yes No

## 1.3 Please certify that you understand that selection into the EAP Pre-Enrollment/Technical Assistance Phase of the incentive payment program does not guarantee that your project will receive funding. \*

Yes No

## 1.4 Do you have a Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm, Tract and Field number for the land you are proposing to enroll in this program? \*

Please note that having a registered FSA number is not a requirement for this program's application process.

Yes No

## 1.5 Please certify that you will be willing and able, if selected for funding, to comply with the applicable State Conservation Practice Standard(s) for the selected agroforestry practices. \*

Our program focuses on advancing three agroforestry practices: alley cropping, silvopasture, and windbreaks. To enroll in our program, the final designs must meet [Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State](https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/#/)

[Conservation Practice Standards](https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/#/) for one (or more) of those three practices. Please reach out to your regional lead organization if you are not certain if your proposed planting qualifies for one of the three practice standards in your state.

Yes No

## 1.6 Please confirm that you have used the EAP Online Incentive Payment Estimator Tool and understand how the incentive payments are calculated for Cycle 2 of EAP. \*

Use this link to access the [EAP Online Incentive Payment Estimator Tool](https://expandingagroforestry.shinyapps.io/Incentive_Estimator_Tool/) located on our [webpage](https://www.nature.org/en-us/what-we-do/our-priorities/provide-food-and-water-sustainably/expanding-agroforestry-production/?vu=expandingagroforestry&tab_q=tab_container-tab_element_500435358).

Yes No

## 1.7 What was the total the Incentive Payment Estimator Tool provided for your project with the planting details shared in this application? (Insert numbers with this format: XXXX.XX - no dollar signs and no commas). \*

Please note - there is no guarantee that this will be your final incentive payment offered by the program.

## 1.8 Producer Expectations - Planting Timeline Requirements \*

Which of the following scenarios is closest to your operation's anticipated timeline requirements for your project planting dates?

Intended timeline to plant is < 6 months (Please note - our program is not a good fit for projects that require this timeline)

Intended timeline to plant is 6-12 months. (Please note - our program may not a good fit for projects that require this timeline given that the Pre-Enrollment Phase may take 18+ months to be completed).

Intended timeline to plant is 1-2 years.

Intended timeline to plant is > 2 years.

## 1.9 Producer Expectations - Flexibility on Proposed Planting Design Adjustments \*

Which of the following most closely aligns with how your operation feels about the agroforestry designs proposed in this application?

Well-defined - I would prefer not to deviate from this application's plan and its goals.

Open - I am open to adjustments by my assigned EAP technical assistance provider to align this application's plan and its goals with those of the program as recommended and/or required.

Adjustable - I am not certain what project plan/design would be best and would need significant technical assistance support.

# Section 2 - Contact Information

## 2.1 Have you ever submitted any application in the past to the EAP Incentive Payment Program? \*

Yes No

## 2.2 Individual Name \*

Please select one individual Point of Contact for each application who will be responsible for communicating with program staff and is an authorized signatory for the farm business (as applicable).

## 2.3 Farm Business Name (if applicable) \*

If your farm operation is already registered with the Farm Service Agency (FSA), please use that entity's name. If no farm name, then please fill out Individual Name.

## 2.4 Do you own or lease the acreage where planting will occur for this project? \*

Own

Lease

Both - the proposed planting area includes acreage owned by the applicant, and acreage that is leased.

## 2.5 Phone \*

+1

(\_\_\_) \_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

## 2.6 Cell Phone or Landline \*

Cell Phone Landline

## 2.7 Email Address \*

## 2.8 Farm/Mailing Address - Street \*

## 2.9 Farm/Mailing Address - Town/City \*

## 2.10 Farm/Mailing Address - Zip Code \*

## 2.11 Farm/Mailing Address - County \*

Select

## 2.12 Farm Address - State \*

The 30 U.S. states eligible for this program are listed below.

Select

## 2.13 Is Home Address different from the proposed Agroforestry Planting/Farm Site Address? \*

Select

# Section 3 - Current Operation Information

## 3.1 Current & Pending NRCS Contracts \*

Please share if your farm has any current or pending applications with NRCS (CSP, CRP, and/or EQIP programs) for silvopasture, alley cropping, and/or windbreaks. EAP Funding cannot be used on the same land, at the same time, for the same practices that other federal funding is supporting.

Yes No Unsure

## 3.2 Total Farm Property Number of Acres \*

How many acres is your entire farm operation?

## 3.3 How many years of experience do you have with annual crop farming and/or grazing operation? \*

Please round to the nearest year.

## 3.4 How many years of experience do you have with agroforestry and/or perennial agriculture operation? \*

## 3.5 Farming History \*

Please share about the history of land use. Recommended max 3 paragraphs.

* How do you currently manage your farm (crops, certifications, etc)?
* What is your experience with growing trees and tree crops?
* Are there any special conservation, water access concerns, or other restrictions that may affect the long-term success of your project?
* If you are a grazier, what species do you manage, and how many animals do you manage?
* Are there any other factors about historical land use that are relevant to your agroforestry project?
* Please also share if you have additional pertinent working experience you wish to explain. Examples could include: working on others' operations (e.g. apprenticeship), academic experience, and/or other professional experience that you think prepares you for managing an agroforestry system effectively.

**3.6 Approximately how much of your work week is currently spent farming crops and/or raising livestock/poultry?**

0-10

%

10-20

%

20-30

%

30-40

%

40-50

%

50-60

%

60-70

%

70-80

%

80-90

%

90-100

%

**3.7 Approximately how much of your current annual income comes from farming and/or raising livestock/poultry?**

0-10

%

10-20

%

20-30

%

30-40

%

40-50

%

50-60

%

60-70

%

70-80

%

80-90

%

90-100

%

# Section 4 - Proposed Agroforestry Project Plan Summary

## 4.1 Overall Agroforestry Project Description \*

Provide a brief description of the main project goals for the establishment / expansion of your Agroforestry system including your long-term vision of this site. Recommended: maximum 3 paragraphs.

## 4.2 Why Agroforestry for your Operation? Why now? \*

Please share more about your operation's proposed project, motivations, and anything else we should know about your farm/organization, proposed project, or your application?

## 4.3 Incentive Payment Structure \*

After reviewing the information in the EAP [FAQ document](https://www.nature.org/content/dam/tnc/nature/en/documents/Expanding-Agroforestry-Project_FAQ.pdf) about our different incentive payment options, please select which incentive payment options you are willing to accept from our program. For agricultural operations associated with entities like non-profits and Universities, we encourage applications for Category 2 only.

Category 1

Category 2

Both - I am open to either Category 1 or Category 2

## 4.4 Willingness to serve as a Demonstration Site \*

A key component of this project is to develop more agroforestry demonstration sites to facilitate farmer-to-farmer learning of agroforestry practices. Would you be willing to host occasional (max. once per year) field days? Associated costs for the field day would be supported by project partners.

Yes No Maybe, need more information

## 4.5 Willingness to serve as a Long-Term Science Research Site \*

Beyond the required data collection for Monitoring, Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MMRV) for this project - would you be interested in your operation being involved in data collection for additional scientific studies & research?

Yes No Maybe, need more information

# Section 5 - Proposed Agroforestry Planting Plan Details

## 5.1 Which NRCS agroforestry practices does your proposed planting include?\*

Please review to this webpage for more information about state conservation practice standard definitions for the three agroforestry practices. Your application may not be approved if you are utilizing other tree planting or agroforestry planting practices (e.g. food forests, riparian buffers, timber woodlot management).

Alley Cropping

Silvopasture

Windbreaks

## 5.2 Number of Trees and Acres Interested in Establishing New Agroforestry Practices \*

Please list your best estimate for both **trees and acres by agroforestry practice selected in the question above.** (Example: Alley Cropping: 1000 trees / 5 acres, Silvopasture: 234 trees / 8 acres, Windbreaks 795 trees / 10 acres).

## 5.3 General Site Prep Plans \*

Each site is unique for what kind of site preparation will be required to ensure maximizing success of a tree planting. Please share what activities you intend to do for site prep (e.g. mowing, cover crops, tillage, soil amendments, invasives removal, etc.). How will these activities serve your site to be prepared for an agroforestry system planting?

## 5.4 General Site Prep Plans - Budget Estimate \*

High ($2,500+ per acre)

Medium ($500-$2,500 per acre)

Low (Less than $500 per acre)

## 5.5 What trees/shrub species are you planning to plant? \*

Our program has a state specific list of eligible tree and shrub species. Please select all that apply to your project plan from the dropdown list below.

Select

## 5.6 Primary Intercrop(s) \*

Please list which intercrop(s) (crop grown between tree rows) is the primary commercial production for that area of your farm by agroforestry practice.

## 5.7 Tree & Shrub Materials Budget Estimate - Average Costs Across All Species \*

High ($20+ per stem)

Medium ($3-20 per stem)

Low (Less than $3 per stem)

**5.8 What equipment does your operation have available for use on this Agroforestry project?**

Describe available equipment (tractor, mulcher, loader, etc.)

**5.9 What labor resources does your operation have available for use on this Agroforestry project?**

Describe labor resources currently available and any proposed additional labor in your agroforestry system.

## 5.10 Protection & General Materials \*

Please share the protection & general materials you will be procuring for this project (e.g. tree shelters, exclusion fencing, compost, mulch, etc.).

## 5.11 Irrigation \*

Are you planning to irrigate the new tree and shrub plantings? If so, how will your project expand existing irrigation systems or establish new irrigation systems?

## 5.12 Irrigation Budget Estimate \*

This funding can only support purchasing new irrigation supplies. Well construction is not allowed with this funding.

High (Laying new underground irrigation pipe)

Medium (New headlines, PVC or Poly irrigation systems)

Low (New drip tape into existing irrigation system)

No Irrigation

## 5.13 Site Prep & Installation Labor \*

What labor are you intending to use for site prep & installing activities for establishing these agroforestry plantings? Will you be subcontracting all or a portion of establishing this planting? Will you be using your own or your staff's time for this planting?

## 5.14 Site Prep & Installation Labor Estimate \*

High (Subcontracting out all of the project)

Medium (Subcontracting a portion of the installation, and/or more than $15/hr for staff time or your own time)

Low (Less than $15/hr for staff time or your own time)

No (No labor requested)

## 5.15 Upload your Agroforestry Design, Installation, Budget, Management, Sales & Marketing Plan. \*

**Do not include any sensitive personal information in your upload.**

*If you have questions and/or need additional guidance to submit the below components, please reach out to ExpandingAgroforestry@tnc.org to be connected to your project region's Regional Lead.*

*If you have any issues uploading your plan here, or have additional optional materials such as annotated maps, aerial imagery, existing planning documents, business plans, that you would like to share with the review committee - please email them to ExpandingAgroforestry@tnc.org and include your Farm Operation Name in the subject line.*

*If you designed your plan in the Overyield software, please also share the link to it in the next question.*

Components:

**Farm Operation History**

* Please share about the history of land use.
* How do you currently manage your farm (crops, certifications, etc)?
* What is your experience with growing trees and tree crops?
* Are there any special conservation, water access concerns, or other restrictions that may affect the long-term success of your project?
* If you are a grazier, what species do you manage, and how many animals do you manage?
* Are there any other factors about historical land use that are relevant to your agroforestry project?

**Agroforestry Design Map**

* Map of farm with farm name, field boundaries with acreage totals & indication of cardinal directions (e.g. arrow pointing North)
* In-row & Between-row spacing measurements
* Locations of species and number of shrub/trees per row or acre

**Installation Plan & Budget**Please include as many details as possible including, but not limited to:

* Tree species to be planted
* Intended purpose(s) of trees/shrubs (e.g., fodder, food crop)
* Location, orientation, and spacing (in-row and between-row)
* Machinery widths and turning areas
* Perimeter fencing plans
* Tree protection plans
* Irrigation plans
* For Silvopasture only, provide additional information, including but not limited to:
  + Livestock type and breed
  + Rotational Grazing Plan and Paddocks Design (please attach additional documents if available)
* Implementation Plan and Anticipated Time Frame  (it should indicate a logical sequence of all major activities and implementation milestones during the EAP contract for the entire agroforestry system, including the targeted timeline for each step) Please include as many details as possible including, but not limited to:
  + Site prep activities & dates
  + When do you intend to begin the procurement process for tree/shrub materials
  + Where will you be purchasing your trees/shrubs from?
  + Will you need support with tree/shrub procurement?
  + What anticipated equipment, contractors, or rentals will you need?
  + How will you protect your planting from wildlife or grazing animals?
  + Describe available water resources (wells, ponds, pumps, irrigation system, etc.)
  + Anticipated labor needs: number of hours per site prep & installation activities and associated hourly rates
  + Tree & Shrub Planting Materials: Please share the number of trees or shrubs per species you intend to
  + plant across the entire project area with their anticipated costs. Example: "Chestnuts - 100 ($20/tree), Elderberry - 200 ($3/cutting), and White Oak - 50 ($5/tree)"
  + Include the full-cost of on-going management expenses. Examples include maintenance operations, IPM monitoring and activities, and harvesting equipment/labor.

**Post-installation: Maintenance, Operations, Sales and Marketing Plan**  
Please include as many details as possible including, but not limited to:

* Intended between row management plans (e.g. livestock grazing for silvopasture system, annual intercrop productions, etc.)
* Include the full-cost of on-going management expenses. Examples include maintenance operations, IPM monitoring and activities, and harvesting equipment/labor.
* At system maturity, what are your annual yield and price assumptions by product?
* Through what channel(s) do you intend to market your products?
* What are your processing & distribution plans to get products to market?
* Do you have any plans for creating value-added products?

**Capital & Labor Needs**Please include as many details as possible including, but not limited to:

* To ensure success of the system, what capital improvements & equipment are you anticipating purchasing
* (e.g. harvester, processing equipment, cold storage)?
* Will you be hiring additional labor for managing the agroforestry system?

**Additional Optional Components:**

Photos from different angles of the site where you would like to establish the agroforestry project.



**5.16 If you designed your plan in the Overyield software, please share the link below.**

By providing this link, you are giving permission for our team to view and share the information about your project for our review and selection process.

### 5.17 Technical Service Support \*

Did you receive support in developing your agroforestry plan from an Agroforestry Professional (Technical Assistance Staff, Technical Service Provider, etc)?

Select or enter value

# Section 6 - Voluntary Information

Providing demographic information is voluntary and at the discretion of the applicant. Demographic information is used by USDA for statistical purposes only and will not be used to determine an applicant’s eligibility for programs or services for which they apply.

**6.1 How did you hear about the Expanding Agroforestry Project?**

Please select all that apply, and please provide more detail in the next question.

Social Media

Newsletter/E-mail Listserv

Conference

Peer Referral

Education Workshop or Field Day Event

State Agency

Project Partner Organization

Technical Service Provider

Other (please provide more detail in the next question)

**6.2 Are you an Underserved Producer, as defined by USDA for this program?**

For the Partnership for Climate-Smart Commodities Program, USDA has defined Underserved Status for any producer who has one or more of the following attributes.

These include the five categories of Historically Undeserved Producers (please see [this webpage](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/getting-assistance/underserved-farmers-ranchers) for full definitions):

**Beginning farmers** - less than 10 years of farming experience.

**Socially disadvantaged farmers** - American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Asians, Blacks or African Americans, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders, and/or Hispanics. **Veteran farmers**

**Limited resource farmers** - please use [this USDA determination tool](https://lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/DeterminationTool.aspx?fyYear=2024) to determine if you qualify for this designation.

**Women farmers**

Additionally, for this program USDA considers the following two groups as having Underserved Status:

**Producers growing specialty crops** - please see [this list of specialty crops.](https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp/specialty-crop)

**Small farms** - those with less than $350,000 in annual gross cash farm income.

Yes No Unsure

## 6.3 Opt-In For Communication \*

By submitting this form, do you agree that The Nature Conservancy and/or project partners may reach out to you via email and communicate through periodic email updates about the agroforestry project and additionally, by sharing your phone number, you give The Nature Conservancy and/or our project partners permission to reach out to you via telephone about the agroforestry project?

Send me a copy of my responses

Yes

No

Submit