

Nitrogen Inhibitor Equipment Program Incentive Assistance

This program is intended to introduce landowners to, and provide a one-time cost assistance for, equipment needed for the application of nitrogen inhibitors when applying nitrogen fertilizers. The goal of the program is to reduce the potential for nitrogen leaching from pre-plant applications of nitrogen fertilizer, thereby protecting groundwater supplies from contamination.

Eligibility: Landowners, farm units and corporations which own and farm agricultural lands within the Little Blue NRD are eligible for a one-time purchase of nitrogen inhibitor equipment through this program.

Practice includes: Nitrogen inhibitor application equipment used when applying anhydrous ammonia, liquid and dry nitrogen fertilizers.

Requirements: Applications must be made on forms provided by the District. The application must be approved by the District prior to the purchase of the equipment.

Application Process: Applications will be accepted between February 1st through April 1st of each year. Eligible applications will be reviewed and approved in July so that purchase and installation can be accomplished prior to fertilizer applications for the following crop year. (For calendar year 2013, the Hastings Wellhead Protection Area will have the highest priority and applications will be accepted beginning January 10th with approvals granted for spring 2013 equipment purchases.)

Payment: The recipient of the cost assistance will be required to provide a copy of bills for the equipment purchased before payment will be made. A farm site or equipment inspection may be made by NRD staff to assure the equipment is in place and being used. The recipient will be required to submit proof of inhibitor purchase the first three years after receiving cost share to insure the equipment is being used. If the equipment is not used by the cooperator for a minimum for 3 years after receipt of cost share funds, repayment of the funds may be required.

Cost-Share: Cost-share funds may be made available for up to 50% of the total cost, not to exceed \$2,000 of the equipment costs.

Total funding for this practice will be limited to the amount budgeted for the program annually. This practice is an incentive program and is limited to 1 (one) contract per producer, farm unit and/or corporation.

The LBNRD reserves the right to approve applications and distribute funds to get the broadest distribution and exposure to the program.