

## To participate in the reimbursement program, follow these guidelines:

1. **Within 24 hours** of an animal death, call a licensed hauler.

Griffin, 859- 472-7361 (local call); Griffin will accept only horses, cattle, and hogs. (Griffin Industries does not pick up or dispose of sheep and goats).

Shiple & Sons, 513-734-1818 (local call); Shiple will accept horses, cattle, hogs, sheep & goats;

or any Kentucky licensed hauler - this includes transportation to the University of Kentucky diagnostic laboratory, if transported by a licensed hauler.

2. **Arrange for dead animal removal by a licensed hauler within 24 hours of death.**

3. When contacting a hauler, make sure you **provide the following information:**

- ✓ directions to your farm;
- ✓ method of payment;
- ✓ the animal to be picked up and the estimated time of death; and,
- ✓ a phone number where you can be reached during the day.

4. Check with your hauler for any pickup requirements. In general, haulers require that the animal be out of the barn and on a hard surface. They will not drive out in the pasture to pick up an animal.

5. Pay the hauler by check or cash for removal service at time of pick-up.

6. Send, or bring, to our office, the original receipt, dated, with itemized fees and name and signature of hauler, within 10 days of service to your county Conservation District. Please see the addresses listed on the back of this brochure.

7. You will be reimbursed by your Conservation District, by check, for up to 75% of the cost of the removal fee with rates established by the conservation district. Effective July 1, 2009, removal fees start at \$ 65 for a cow; \$ 70 for a hog, and \$ 90 for a horse. Sheep and goat removal prices vary.

Reimbursement rates are currently 75% of the haul bill. Based on the above rates, reimbursement would be: cows, \$ 48.75; hogs, \$ 52.50; horses, \$ 67.50; sheep and goats, up to \$ 67.50. Reimbursement would be made for 75% of the total haul bill if several carcasses are removed in one haul. Reimbursement rates are subject to change.

8. Program ends June 30, 2010, or when all funds from the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share program are expended, whichever occurs first.

9. The Conservation District and/or haulers reserve the right to terminate the program if at any time local, state, or federal regulations are enacted that would prohibit the hauler from dispensing with the animal in the accustomed manner (i.e., burial, composting, rendering, incineration, etc.) or would adversely affect the day-to-day operation of the hauler. Prices for disposal are subject to change, which would affect the rate of reimbursement.

10. Some farm animals may also be disposed of by taking them to a licensed landfill. Call your local landfill for information, requirements and fees. *No reimbursement will be made under this program for landfill disposal fees.*

11. A Cause of Animal Death Statement is required for removal of **more than three animals** at one time. Dead animals removed by Griffin Industries are used in the manufacture of animal feeds. Griffin Industries has developed this policy to comply with Federal requirements to take necessary precautions to prevent the spread of disease and protect animal health. If you have more than three animals to be removed at one time, contact your veterinarian before calling Griffin Industries. In cases of obvious non-disease causes of animal death (drowning, lightning strikes, etc.), the veterinarian may be able to furnish a verbal report to Griffin Industries to speed up the process of removing the dead animals.



*Disposal of dead animals is addressed in the Ky. Agriculture Water Quality Act, under Livestock BMP #15. In addition to removal by a state licensed pick-up service, producers have the option of "burying the carcass and all of its parts and products in the earth at a point which is never covered with the overflow of ponds or streams and which is not less than 100 feet distant from any watercourse, sinkhole, well, spring, public highway, residence, or stable. The carcass shall be placed in an opening in the earth at least 4 feet deep, the abdominal and thoracic cavities opened wide their entire length with a sharp instrument, and the entire carcass covered with 2 inches of quicklime and at least 3 feet of earth." (KRS 257:160).*

# Dead Farm Animal Removal Help for Local Farmers

Boone, Campbell, and Kenton County farmers are now eligible to receive up to 75% reimbursement of the cost of dead animal removal from the farm, through a grant from the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share program. The program is limited to private landowners.

Proper disposal of dead farm animals is important not only to herd health, but to human health. Kentucky law regulates the proper disposal methods for dead farm animals.

Disposing of dead animals properly can also help control coyote and other predator problems. Leaving livestock carcasses in pastures or open pits not only encourages coyotes to associate livestock with food, but also causes coyotes to congregate near farms.

Water quality concerns can also be addressed by using approved disposal methods. The Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act requires that by October 23, 2001, all landowners with 10 or more acres must have developed and implemented a plan to prevent water pollution from their agriculture or silviculture (forestry) operations.

Call us today if you would like assistance in developing or implementing your Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Plan.

*For more information, or to  
submit a reimbursement request:*

Boone County Conservation District  
6028 Camp Ernst Road  
Burlington, KY 41005  
859-586-7903  
FAX: 859-586-7683

Office hours: M - F, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
E-mail: [sally.aaron@ky.nacdnet.net](mailto:sally.aaron@ky.nacdnet.net)  
<http://www.boonecountyky.org/bccd/default.aspx>

Campbell County Conservation District  
8351 East Main Street, Suite 104  
Alexandria, KY 41001  
859-635-9587  
859-635-5666  
FAX: 859-635-0496

Office hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 a.m. - Noon  
E-mail: [campbellcd@fuse.net](mailto:campbellcd@fuse.net)  
<http://home.fuse.net/campbellcd>

Kenton County Conservation District  
6028 Camp Ernst Road  
Burlington, KY 41005  
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Office hours: M - F, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
E-mail: [sally.aaron@ky.nacdnet.net](mailto:sally.aaron@ky.nacdnet.net)  
<http://www.kentoncounty.org>

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