

Who May Apply for Loans

- *Farmers*
- *Rural landowners*
- *Farm supply business*

Loans are used to restore or protect water quality, whether on a farm, a rural home site, in an unsewered community, or at a lakeside cabin.



Conservation tillage equipment

Loan Terms

- *Maximum loan amount is \$100,000*
- *Maximum loan length is 10 years*
- *Maximum interest rate is 3%*
- *Lender may charge customary fees*
- *Lender may require collateral*
- *Borrower must meet lending criteria*
- *Additional local limitations may apply*



Sedimentation basin

Contact Information

Contact the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District for more information:

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Fact Sheet

Agricultural Best Management Practices Loan Program

Loans for:

- *Feedlot improvements, manure storage basins and spreading equipment*
- *Conservation tillage equipment*
- *Terraces, waterways, sediment basins*
- *Shore and river stabilization*
- *Septic systems*
- *Other projects that improve water quality*



Feedlot improvements under construction



Lakeshore stabilization

Cost Savings

The AgBMP Loan Program provides financing at below-market interest rates. These 3% low-interest loans save you money, making it more economical to implement practices that improve and protect water quality.

Years	Loan Amount	Interest Paid		Interest Savings
		3%	9%	
5	\$10,000	\$781	\$2,455	\$1,674
5	\$30,000	\$2,344	\$7,365	\$5,021
7	\$50,000	\$5,496	\$17,574	\$12,078
10	\$100,000	\$15,873	\$52,011	\$36,138



Replacing a septic tank and drain field



Money Available

Each year \$10 million is available for loans in Minnesota. The AgBMP Loan Program is funded by the Minnesota State Legislature, the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is administered through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

No grants are given by this program.



Conservation tillage equipment



Manure application equipment

Application Process

1. The borrower proposes a project to the county for approval.
2. If the borrower is eligible and the project addresses local water quality problems, the county approves the project and refers it to a participating local lender.
3. The lender evaluates the financial details of the project and decides whether to offer a loan.
4. The lender and the borrower negotiate the terms of the loan.
5. The borrower completes the project.
6. The borrower provides bills and receipts for the cost of the project to the lender.
7. The lender requests money from the AgBMP Loan Program.
8. The AgBMP Loan Program sends the requested money to the lender.
9. The lender issues the loan to the borrower.
10. The borrower pays back the lender.
11. The lender pays back the AgBMP Loan Program.

Ineligible Projects

- *Projects already completed*
- *Improving feedlots with more than 1,000 animal units*
- *Constructing a new facility*