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Climate Pollution Reduction Grant:

Developing Plans to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Nebraska

Agriculture Sector
Stakeholder Session 2

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Second Round Stakeholder Session Goals

- Main Goal: Stakeholder input on identifying priority measures

- Program timeline

- Review EPA scoring criteria for implementation grants

- Review of Session 1 measures

- Breakout Sessions: stakeholder priority ranking polls

- New ideas

- Present NDEE's preliminary priority assignments

- Discussion of priority category assignments; suggested changes

- Whole group discussion of priority measure categories

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Timeline

2023

Mar. 1 Planning Grant Announced

Apr. 27 Nebraska Workplan Submitted

Aug. 3 Award Received

Sep. 20 Implementation Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity

Oct. Stakeholder Outreach Begins

2024

Apr. 1 Implementation Grant Application Deadline

Mar. 1 Priority Climate Action Plan Deadline

Jul. 1 Implementation Grant Notification of Selection

Oct. Implementation Grant Awards: 5-year period of performance

2025

Aug. 3 Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Due

EPA Scoring Criteria for GHG Reduction Measures

Criterion	Points
Benefits to low-income disadvantaged communities (LIDAC)	25
Magnitude of GHG reductions 2025-2030	20
Cost-effectiveness of measure	15
Documentation of GHG reduction assumptions	15
Transformative Impact	15
Magnitude of GHG reductions 2025-2050	10
Reductions in other air pollutants 2025-2030	10
Demonstration of funding need (vs other grants)	10
TOTAL	**120**

Animal Agriculture & Energy Efficiency Sector Measures Proposed in Session 1

- Promote/Incentivize Climate-smart livestock management practices
- Incentivize rotational grazing on deep rooted pasture
- Roller compacted concrete at feedlots for manure management with digesters
- Incentives for low-e ammonia - clean hydrogen
- Upgrade lighting, pumps, fans, heating, cooling in buildings
- Electrify Fleet & Equipment
- Solar panels on barn roofs - Ensure new construction can support panels
- Irrigation well conversion from diesel to electric (Expand Clean Diesel prog.)
- Incentives for regional anaerobic digester network to convert ag waste to biogas

Regenerative Agriculture / Conservation Sector Measures Proposed in Session 1

- Investment in Biochar production/distribution (cornstalks, western cedar)
- Incentives to get carbon intensity (CI) score for acres certified and in use of existing CI score programs (45Z)
- Incentivize the prevention of conversion from grasslands
- Incentives to producers to implement soil health & regenerative ag practices
- Incentives for decreasing reliance on fertilizers & pesticides
- Assistance to acquire Precision Ag equipment and tech including training to analyze the data for highest impact
- Incentivize the adoption of chemigation for improved nutrient management

Breakouts

- Animal Ag / Energy Efficiency (AA/EE)
- Regenerative Ag / Conservation (RA/C)

Animal Agriculture & Energy Efficiency Breakout

NDEE Preliminary Priority Categories for AA/EE Measures

PRIORITY CATEGORY	MEASURES
HIGH PRIORITY	• Upgrade lighting, pumps, fans, heating, cooling in buildings • Electrify Fleet & Equipment • Solar panels on barn roofs - Ensure new construction can support panels • Irrigation well conversion from diesel to electric (Expand Clean Diesel prog.) • Incentives for regional anaerobic digester network to convert ag waste to biogas • Promote/Incentivize Climate-smart livestock management practices
HAS POTENTIAL – LONGER TERM	• Roller compacted concrete at feedlots for manure management with digesters
LOWER IMPACT/ HIGHER DIFFICULTY	• Incentivize rotational grazing on deep rooted pasture • Incentives for low-e ammonia - clean hydrogen

Animal Ag & Energy Efficiency Measures	Impact	LIDAC Impact	Ease of Implementation	Ease of Measurement	Priority
Promote/Incentivize Climate-smart livestock management practices	Medium	Low	Easy	Medium	High
Incentivise rotational grazing on deep rooted pasture	Low	Low	Easy	Easy	Low
Roller compacted concrete at feedlots for manure management with digesters	Medium	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium
Incentives for low-e ammonia - clean hydrogen	Medium	Low	Difficult	Difficult	Low
Upgrade lighting, pumps, fans, heating, cooling in buildings	Medium	Low	Easy	Easy	High
Electrify Fleet & Equipment	High	Medium	Easy	Easy	High
Solar panels on barn roofs - Ensure new construction can support panels	High	Low	Easy	Easy	High
Irrigation well conversion from diesel to electric (Expand Clean Diesel prog.)	Medium	Low	Easy	Easy	High
Incentives for regional anaerobic digester network to convert ag waste to biogas	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	High

AA/EE Sector

	DIFFICULT	MEDIUM	EASY
HIGH		Regional Digester Network	Electrify Fleet & Equipment Solar on barn roofs
MEDIUM	Low-e ammonia / clean hydrogen	Roller compacted concrete at feedlots for manure mgmt. Climate smart livestock	Upgrade lighting/pumps/fans/etc. Irrigation well to electric
LOW			Rotational Grazing

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Regenerative Agriculture & Conservation Breakout

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RA/C Sector

	DIFFICULT	MEDIUM	EASY
HIGH		Carbon intensity scoring (45Z)	
MEDIUM		Soil health & regenerative ag Precision Ag Biochar Chemigation	
LOW			Grassland Conservation Decreased fertilizers & pesticides

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Full Group