

## 2024 Alternative Manure Management Program Questions and Answers (Q&A)

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1. Can an applicant apply to AMMP and DDRDP in the same round? If so, would they be judged individually or together? Would only one be awarded?

The intent of the programs is to ensure a wide distribution of funds across individual operations. While an applicant (assuming the question is pertaining to a single dairy operation) may submit an application to both DDRDP and AMMP, the choice to apply to both programs should be considered carefully. AMMP and DDRDP projects differ greatly in their scope as well as permitting requirements. Inadequate preparation of applications may impact the quality and competitiveness of applications. Proposals would be reviewed individually, as there is a separate review and scoring criteria for each program. If after review, the project submitted to both programs receives a competitive score for award, only one of the AMMP or DDRDP award would be made, consistent with the Program Requirements and Eligibility and Exclusions in the RGA.

2. If one applies for AMMP/DDRDP and the Dairy Plus Program (Dairy Plus), but after application or award decides not to proceed with Dairy Plus, would they lose their AMMP/DDRDP award?

AMMP and DDRDP are separate programs, applications, and funding sources from Dairy Plus. While a new AMMP project proposal may be closely connected to a new Dairy Plus Program proposal for the same operation, the contents of each application should not overlap with the other. A decision not to proceed with the Dairy Plus proposal part associated with an AMMP or DDRDP project would not result in an automatic loss of the AMMP or DDRDP project.

3. Can more than two people have access to an AMMP application in the grants system? In other words, can two people be working on a submission or is it limited to only one user per application?

An online application is directly linked to a single Amplifund user account. An organization with more than one individual assisting with application development and submission could set up an Amplifund account accessible by others, and work from there on multiple applications; or, an individual could choose to share their username and password with someone else to be able to work on a particular application together. However, a person with their own individual user account would not be able to access applications started by or submitted by a different user account.

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4. Are manure additives eligible for AMMP as a main incentive practice?

AMMP projects must include at least one of the eligible project types listed in the Request for Grant Applications that will reduce baseline methane emissions (pasture-based management; alternative manure treatment and storage including compost bedded pack barns or slatted floor pit storage; solid separation of manure solids prior to entry into a wet/anaerobic environment; conversion from a flush to scrape manure collection system). While manure additives are not supported as a methane reducing practice under the AMMP, they could be considered as nutrient management and included as part of a project if they helped address other issues in the manure management system such as nitrogen, ammonia emissions, etc. Any nutrient management technology or additives considered should have adequate supporting information on use in dairy or livestock manure management to ensure it is effective and safe for the environment and public health.

5. If a dairy applying for AMMP has an old separator but can't use the correction factor for its efficiency in the calculator tool's "Technical Reviewers" tab, the dairy AMMP project will have no GHG benefits and negative co-benefits. Should those adverse effects be used in the application and in the narrative?

Information should be entered for the baseline and proposed practice in the calculator that accurately reflects the project, while also following the available guidance/instructions (in this case, that the baseline separator efficiency adjustment is for Technical Reviewer use). Applicants with a project type that will replace an old, existing separator with a new solid separation system with significantly higher efficiency should describe the existing baseline separator and its use in the Narrative and/or Explanation of Assumptions for GHG Calculations so that the Technical Reviewers can make a reasonable decision whether an adjustment is appropriate and by how much. GHG values as submitted in the application are not necessarily those that will contribute towards the GHG magnitude points portion of the scoring criteria – GHG values that come out of technical review (including any revisions that may be necessary) are used.

6. In a scenario with two separate dairy operations (owned by the same person, operated by two separate individuals) that can share a separator and vermifiltration system (manure would move from one dairy to the other), should one of the two operators be selected as project applicant? Would two letters be needed, one from the other operator and then the letter from the dairy owner?

AMMP does allow for centralized or cluster type projects to be proposed. In this type of proposal, where the manure management practice or equipment would only be installed on one site even if it will process manure from more than just one dairy, a

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single application would be submitted – the applicant would likely be the operator of the facility where the manure separation system would be installed. The application should describe and account for all of the animals and their manure (i.e., a combined profile from both dairies) that will enter the shared separation system so that the source, amount, current handling and storage, and proposed flow of manure is clear for the project and associated estimated GHG emission reduction. Please note additional considerations or restrictions may apply or need to be taken into account if Dairy Plus funding is sought in addition to AMMP funding.

Regarding what letters would be needed to support the application: if the dairy or site is owned by a different individual than the operator applying, Attachment 1.2 (letter of agreement from landowner) can be included. Attachment 1.3 (For centralized projects, letter(s) of commitment from participating operations) can be used to upload a letter from other participating operators in proposals such as the one described in this question.