

3% Loans Available to Help Stop Water Pollution

The AgBMP Loan Program provides loans up to \$200,000 at 3% interest for equipment, and improvements that reduce or prevent pollution to protect water quality.

Examples of some past AgBMP projects include conservation tillage, precision agriculture equipment and technology, planting and harvest equipment, feedlot improvements, feedlot structures, manure management, erosion control practices and septic systems. In addition many other practices may be eligible, such as odor control, clean energy upgrades, secondary fuel containment areas, shoreline stabilization, irrigation conservation methods, well sealing, well replacement along with many more options.

The first step is with your local Soil and Water Conservation District or County Environmental Office. They will determine if your project protects water quality and is eligible under the program.

Then you would work with any of the 250 local lenders that participate in the AgBMP Loan Program to evaluate costs and your financial standing to determine if they can issue you a loan for your purchase or project. (All lenders are welcome to join our lending network.)

Nearly any practice that prevents pollution or improves water quality is eligible.

If you have any questions, please contact your local participating government unit (SWCD or County Environmental Office) to see if your purchases or project qualifies for an AgBMP loan.

You may also go to <http://gis.mda.state.mn.us/agbmploan/> to view your participating government and nearby lending organizations.

General information about the program can be found at <http://mda.state.mn.us/agbmploans>

