

AG Tractor Replacement Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- 1. If I submit my application today, how long will it be until I receive an executed contract and can purchase/take possession of my new equipment?**

It commonly takes approximately 9 – 12 months for a project to receive an executed contract. Applications are processed on a first-come first-serve basis, so the wait time can vary and will be dependent upon our current back log.

- 2. How do I know if I qualify as an Agricultural Operation?**

In order to be considered an agricultural operation you must use your equipment for the primary purpose of making a profit, providing a livelihood, or conducting agricultural research. Common operations include, but are not limited to, the growing or harvesting of crops from soil (including forest operations), the raising of fowl or animals, the raising of plants at wholesale nurseries, and agricultural crop preparation services. Please refer to our Program guidelines for more details.

- 3. How do I determine the total acreage of my agricultural operation?**

The size of your operation would be the total acreage you own, farm, and/or harvest. This should include all business entities that you are associated with.

- 4. I would like to purchase a piece of equipment that has a higher horsepower rating than my old equipment, is that possible?**

Yes, it is okay to purchase a higher horsepower unit. If there is a significant increase in horsepower, however, the District may require justification for the large increase and grant approval on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, replacement equipment with a horsepower greater than 125% of the old equipment horsepower will be subject to a cap on the incentive amount. Please refer to our Program guidelines for more details.

- 5. What if I do not know all the equipment information that is required on the application?**

Please provide as much information as you can. The district staff will help determine the remaining information needed at a later date.

- 6. If I submit my application today, what are the next steps?**

You will receive an email confirmation with your assigned project number. An inspector will then call you at a later date to schedule an inspection of your old equipment. Lastly, District staff will contact you to obtain additional documentation and to begin preparing your application for contracting. Please note that this can be a 9-12 month process.

7. If I submitted my application prior to the implementation of the new funding amounts, will my project qualify for those new amounts?

Yes. If you submitted your application, but have not been offered a contract, your project will automatically be evaluated per the newest funding and eligibility criteria.

8. How long do I have to purchase my new equipment once I have received my executed contract?

An executed contract is valid for 12 months. Contract extensions can be offered on a case by case basis. You must notify district staff of your request for a contract extension.

9. Is it possible to sell my replacement equipment before the end of the 10 year project life?

Yes, it is possible to sell your replacement equipment during the active project life; however, you must notify district staff and receive approval prior to doing so. District staff will provide further details at that time and will evaluate each situation on a case-by-case basis.

Please refer to the program guidelines for more details and step-by-step guidance.

For further assistance, please contact District staff at (559) 230-5800, or via e-mail at grants@valleyair.org.