Capital Equipment Assistance Program (CEAP) Questionnaire

Please provide a written response to the following questionnaire. These will help reviewers better understand your application and the potential impact of this grant award. If you prefer not to use this format but instead to attach a letter that fully describes the intended use and benefits of your equipment in your own words, that is acceptable. Please ensure that your questionnaire is submitted at the time of application.

1. Please provide an overview of your farming operation.

2. Please describe the specific type/model of equipment requested. For example, for manure injection toolbars, does it operate with a disk, shank, shallow slot, etc.? Does it provide full surface closure at the time of injection?

3. How will this equipment increase the acreage and/or quality of conservation practices you install? What management are you doing now? What will you do if you get the new equipment? Please be specific about # acres, type of tillage, type of feed storage, etc.

4. How will the practices installed improve water quality and/or mitigate greenhouse gases on your farm? Please describe.

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5. How did you calculate your acreage commitment on the application? If it includes acreage on other farms, how did you estimate that use and do you have existing relationships with those farms? *Note: we recommend a conservative estimate as you will be held to that commitment.*

6. Will or have any parts of the equipment/system been funded under any other state/federal or private grants? Please explain.

Answer the following questions only if applicable:

- 7. IF you have received CEAP grant/s before, did you acquire the equipment under a reasonable timeframe, meet or mostly meet your acreage goals, and deliver annual reporting in a timely manner? Please justify.
- 8. IF applying for Feed Management Equipment which includes Feed Bunk Closure, do you commit to fully transitioning away from silage to dry hay or wrapped haylage?

Note that a site visit from an inspector or engineer is REQUIRED for Feed Bunk Closure applications. Contact <u>your local inspector</u> or Emma Redel (802) 261-5628 to request a site visit. Site visits can occur after application is submitted – if so, indicate that when applying.

9. IF applying for Feed Management Equipment which includes Reduced Importation of Feed, have you completed a Whole Farm Nutrient Balance? Please remember to attach the results to your application. Feel free to elaborate on the results here.

Note that a Whole Farm Nutrient Balance is REQUIRED for Reduced Importation of Feed applications. Contact Heather Darby at <u>heather.darby@uvm.edu</u> or 802-656-7613 for assistance.

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