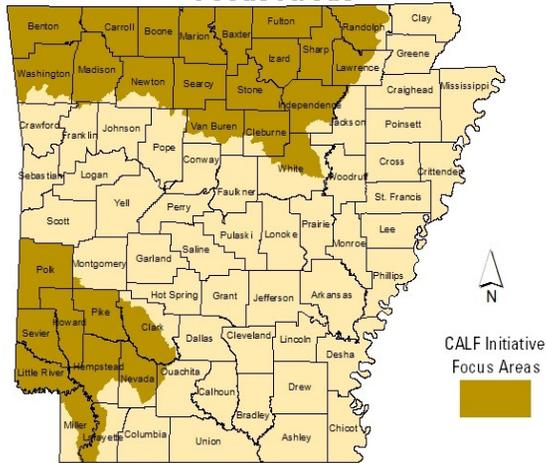


Controlled Access and Livestock Fencing

Focus Areas



The initiative is open to any private landowner in Arkansas (including LLC, NGO, municipal, company, or other non-state or federal government entities). Applicants with property within the CALF Initiative focus area will receive higher ranking points than those outside the focus area.

If eligible, producers are encouraged to consider the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CP 22 or CP 29) as it has more financial benefit for the producer.

Participant does not have to own the land but the lease must be active for the entire length of the agreement (minimum 11 years).



CONTROLLED ACCESS AND LIVESTOCK FENCING (CALF) INITIATIVE

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Working with livestock producers to improve water quality for the continuing benefit of Arkansans

A focused effort to work voluntarily with private landowners to control livestock access to streams or rivers while also providing livestock with a fresh, clean source of water

Initiative Goals

- Reduce erosion and improve water quality
- Improve and enhance livestock health and operations
- Conserve and restore riparian areas
- Conserve species of conservation concern including threatened and endangered species

Eligible Activities

- Fencing (barbed, electric, or woven)
- Pipelines, pumps, and solar panels
- Alternative watering facilities
- Heavy use area protection
- Stream crossings
- Controlled access points
- Native plantings
- Ask about other activities

Ineligible Activities

- Costs to pump water or run electricity from a utility company
- Non-native plantings
- Drilling wells
- Ponds

Benefits

- Reduces stream-bank erosion
- Increases possibilities for improved animal health
- Facilitates intensive managed grazing systems and potentially improves pasture utilization and manure distribution
- Marketing advantage for environmentally friendly farming practices
- Improves water quality
- Prevents potential animal loss in areas with steep banks or deep, soft mud
- Reduces toxic algal blooms
- Improves deer, turkey, and rabbit corridors for recreational opportunities
- Improves habitat for at-risk, threatened, and endangered species



How is CALF unique from USDA Programs?

- No Annual Gross Income requirement
- 50-100% cost share available for priority areas
- Minimum buffer widths are negotiable
- Can maintain riparian area through occasional mowing or flash grazing
- Agreements are held with the Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts
- Agreements are a minimum of 11 years
- Perimeter fencing is allowed along riparian areas
- Funding is specific to livestock fencing and clean water developments. No competition from other application types or land uses

How to apply and Project Selection Details

- Application forms are available at <http://www.aracd.org/> or by contacting individuals on the back page of this brochure
- Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis. Ranking cycles will depend on funding availability