

Nebraska Nitrogen Use Efficiency (NUE) Program



Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act (NiRIA) Program



Purpose

Encourage corn producers to consider all major sources of nitrogen when evaluating efficiency of nitrogen management

Encourage producers to reduce the use of commercial fertilizer.

Expectations

Achieve a NUE of 1.0, or under, per bushel.

Verify a reduction in nitrogen fertilizer application rates as the lesser of 40 pounds per acre or 15% of their baseline application rate.

Long-Term Benefits

Improving NUE can deliver meaningful economic and environmental benefits without sacrificing productivity.

Save money and time on nitrogen applications, in addition to environmental benefits.

Incentive

\$15/acre

\$10-15/acre depending on region

Crops Covered

Corn

Corn, Sugar Beet, Potato, Wheat

Enrollment Cap

Limit of 160 acres per application, but producers can have more than one application. Check with your local NRD for additional information.

Funding Limit

\$1 million statewide.

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Evaluation Data

- Producers must submit a soil sample.
 - If irrigated, producers must submit a water sample prior to planting.
 - Some districts may also require a manure sample.
- Check with your local NRD for additional information.

- Producers in Priority A areas can use NRD phase reports.
- Producers in Priority B areas can use NRD phase reports for the prior 3 growing seasons or complete soil sampling, as established by the NRD.
- Producers in Priority C areas will be required to establish a baseline level of nitrogen application, as established by the NRD, through the methods outlined for Priority B.

Enrollment

Enroll in both programs at your local NRD.

Exclusions

Fields that have been (or will be) paid for the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act (NiRIA) program are not eligible to receive 2026 NUE payments.