

Small herd? No problem.

Expert support and up to 100% cost reimbursement for small cattle herds

Ever wish cost-share worked better for smaller operations?

If you're a farmer with 20-49 head of cattle, now it does.

Interested?

Contact your Soil and Water Conservation District. Find your district at www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/swcdlist



The new **Small Herd Initiative** helps farmers like you keep livestock out of streams. Starting July 1, you can receive up to \$50,000 for best practices — plus ongoing technical assistance, **tailored to your farm and your priorities.**

The practices benefit your farm, promoting:

- Lower rates of animal injury and disease.
- Greater weight gain in cattle, plus higher quality and quantity of milk produced.
- Less soil loss from stream bank erosion.

Instead of the usual 55-75% reimbursement caps for most stream-exclusion practices, the Small Herd Initiative pays up to 100% for:

- Stream exclusion with buffer and grazing land management
- Stream protection fencing with buffer
- Portable fencing