

Turning Research into Reality for Hog Farmers

NC Early Adoption Program: Helping Farmers Move to Cleaner Waste Systems by Reducing Costs

Action from the NC Governor and NC General Assembly

- Enact legislation establishing a voluntary, incentives-based Early Adoption Program that would put alternative hog waste systems immediately on 50-100 hog farms in North Carolina.
- Establish a task force with clear mandates and direction for administering a successful program.
- Appropriate at least \$10 million in funding from general appropriations to the program to provide financial assistance to eligible farmers who volunteer.
- Authorize, direct or encourage other sources to provide funding for the program, including but not limited to the Golden LEAF Foundation, Clean Water Management Trust Fund and Agriculture Cost Share Program.
- Call upon the pork industry in North Carolina to support the program.

Action from the NC Attorney General

- Provide \$2-\$4 million from the Environmental Enhancement Grant program for the Early Adoption Program.
- Keep a designee engaged in identifying alternative technologies, giving special emphasis to improvements on second-generation technologies.

Action from Smithfield Foods, Premium Standard Farms and the North Carolina pork industry

- Support passage of legislation establishing the Early Adoption Program.

Action from Farmers

- Work with lawmakers to develop effective legislation for an Early Adoption Program.
- Volunteer to use cleaner technologies once the program is developed.

Action from the Environmental Community

- Work with lawmakers to develop effective legislation for a voluntary Early Adoption Program.
- Support hog farmers and a competitive pork production industry in North Carolina in a partnership focused on creative problem solving.

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