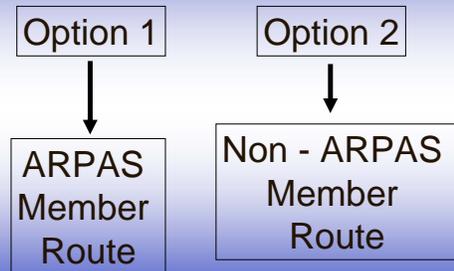


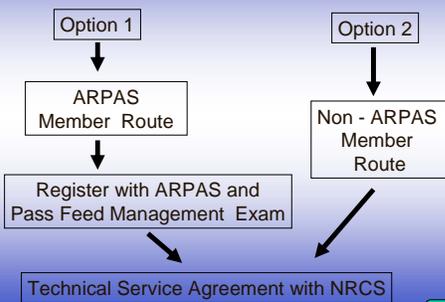
Becoming a Certified Feed Management Planner



Certification Option Flow Diagram



Certification Option Flow Diagram



Certification Process for Nutritionist

Feed Management	Test Date: 1/1/2008 - End Date: Feed Management (1/1/08)
Member → Feed Management Option 1 - Certification	Annual Exam Requirements: Provide two locations or customer references where practice has been certified that can verify experience and proficiency in developing animal diets and feeding strategies that conform to the requirements of the NRCS conservation practice standard for feed management.
Non-member → Feed Management Option 2 - Knowledge & Training	Annual Exam Requirements: Proficiency in developing animal diets and both using the feeding techniques and feeding techniques described in the NRCS conservation practice standard for feed management (Code 592). Annual Exam Requirements: Provide two locations or customer references where practice has been certified that can verify experience and proficiency in developing animal diets and feeding strategies that conform to the requirements of the NRCS conservation practice standard for feed management.
	Annual Exam Training: Acquire 15 hours of training or continuing education credits in feed management related subjects every three years that build on existing knowledge and introduce new technology. 2008-2010 National Planning Procedures Handbook - Knowledge and understanding of National Planning Procedures Handbook - Part 600.5, Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning Technical Guidance.

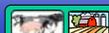
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Certification Criteria



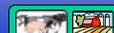
Certification Process for Nutritionist

- Option 1 – Certification
 - Provide 2 references where you have used Standard 592
 - Certification as Professional Animal Scientist
 - <http://www.arpas.org/nrcs.asp>

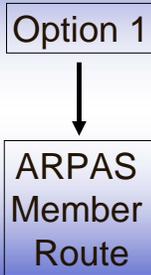


Certification Process for Nutritionist

- Option 2 – Knowledge and Training
 - Have proficiency in using techniques described in Standard 592
 - Provide 2 references where you have used Standard 592
 - Acquire 15 hours of training or CEUs in feed management related subjects every three years
 - Knowledge and understanding of National Planning Procedures Handbook – Part 600.5, Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning Technical Guidance



Certification Option Flow Diagram



Option 1 - ARPAS Member

- Two Stage Process
- ARPAS will recommend interested and qualified ARPAS members to NRCS
- To gain final approval, each person will need to complete a Technical Service Agreement with NRCS.

Option 1 - ARPAS Member

- Stage 1 A
- ARPAS is required to establish and maintain a registry of qualified ARPAS members.
- The registry must contain certain information that will be collected in your application to ARPAS (www.arpas.org). Complete form and submit to Susie Rahn

The screenshot shows the ARPAS website with a news item titled "Technical Service Provider Program" dated Monday, May 12, 2008. The text states that ARPAS and NRCS have established a Memorandum of Understanding. It mentions that interested and qualified ARPAS members need to complete an application form and forward it to ARPAS Headquarters. It also provides contact information for Susie Rahn, NRCS Coordinator for the State of North Carolina.

NRCS Technical Service Provider Application Form

NRCS TECHNICAL SERVICE PROVIDER APPLICATION FORM

I request that ARPAS recommend me to NRCS to become certified as a NRCS Technical Service Provider in the category of Feed Management. I have reviewed the requirements and believe I am fully qualified to be a NRCS Technical Service Provider in the category of Feed Management.

I understand that as a Technical Service Provider I will be required to complete a Certification Agreement with NRCS.

I further understand that as a Technical Service Provider:

- (1) I will be subject to the same annual quality reviews as NRCS employees.
- (2) I can not legally certify completed cost shared practices for payment. Only NRCS employees have the legal authority to do so.
- (3) During the next three years I will need to acquire 15 hours of continuing education credits in feed management related subjects that builds on existing knowledge and introduces new technology.

NRCS Technical Service Provider Application Form

Name	
Company or Institution	
Address	
Phone	
Fax	
Email	
Skill Areas:	List ARPAS areas of specialization and other skills as appropriate.
Service Areas:	List states in which you wish to work.
Expiration Date of Qualification	Qualifies. Certification is renewed annually upon completion of required continuing education and payment of annual dues.
Animal Feed References:	Provide two locations or customer references where you have previously been involved that can verify experience and proficiency in developing animal diets and feeding strategies that conform to the requirements of the NRCS certification practice standard for feed management.

Option 1 - ARPAS Member

- Stage 1 B - The requirements for Feed Management Certification are:
 - 1) be a current member PAS or RAS in the species that you are taking the exam in,
 - 2) complete feed management workshop of The National Feed Management Project, (contact Joe Harrison jhharrison@wsu.edu)
 - 3) pass the feed management exam, and
 - 4) maintain yearly continuing education credits with at least four hours of the sixteen hours required devoted to feed management.

Option 1 - ARPAS Member

- Stage One - Details

The exam will have 75% of questions devoted to general feed management and 25% of feed management questions specific to the species (Dairy, Beef, Swine, or Poultry) requested by the certification candidate. Initial requests for feed management certification in multiple species will be handled by administering one expanded exam. Later requests for certification in additional species by those already certified in feed management will be handled by administering an exam specific to the species certification requested.

Option 1 - ARPAS Member

- Stage One - Details

The National Feed Management Project will provide exam questions to the ARPAS Examining Board.

The National Feed Management Project will provide a list of acceptable continuing education in feed management to ARPAS.

Option 1 - ARPAS Member

- Stage One - Details

The cost for the Feed Management Certification will be \$100 for certification in a first species.

An additional \$25 fee will be assessed for each additional species certification requested.

Option 1 - ARPAS Member

- Stage Two



TechReg - Step by Step Guide

About TechReg

TechReg is an Internet application that allows individuals, businesses, and public agencies to register and become certified as Technical Service Providers (TSPs). It also provides conservation program participants with a directory for obtaining certified TSPs.

TechReg Home Page

TechReg is located at: <http://techreg.usda.gov>

Locate a Technical Service Provider

Technical service providers are certified for categories of technical service that are determined by NRCS at the national level. However, certifications do apply to individual states and to specific categories of technical services for which the provider meets the criteria for certification.

Questions

Feed Management



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