



**Double Down on Biosecurity: Best Practices & Biosecurity Assessments
Webinar Questions and Answers
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Is the cost share only for commercial facilities and not for small/backyard poultry farms?

The cost share program is available to all poultry farms that raise 500 or more birds per year.

Does cost sharing only cover the cost of improvements the farm makes, or does it also include the cost of the assessments?

There is no cost to request or receive an assessment. USDA will reimburse the producer up to 75% of the costs associated with implementing remediation measures identified during a Biosecurity Compliance Audit (BCAP), Biosecurity Incentive Focused Assessment (BIFA), and/or Wildlife Biosecurity Assessment (WBA). Producers pay at least 25% of the cost.

Once a premises passes an assessment, the producer can submit a Biosecurity Supplemental Improvement Proposal (BSIP), provided they have not reached their maximum reimbursement cap.

Who pays for the different assessments? Does it vary based on whether an assessment is mandatory versus voluntary?

There is no cost to request or receive an assessment. The cost share for implementing remediation measures identified during an assessment are as follows:

- Producer pays at least 25% of cost
- USDA reimburses up to 75% of cost, not to exceed the reimbursement amount that the premises qualifies for based on previous years' inventory

Are commercial game bird farms (pheasants, quail, mallard) eligible for the biosecurity incentive?

Yes. All poultry facilities with 500 or more birds can request a biosecurity assessment under the cost share program.

Is there new research into vaccination for HPAI in poultry and cattle?

Yes, research on HPAI vaccines for poultry and mammals is ongoing. For details on USDA-funded projects, see [HPAI Poultry Innovation Grand Challenge](#).