

# Small herd? No problem.

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

**Ever wish cost-share  
worked better for  
smaller operations?**

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

The **Small Herd Initiative** helps farmers like you keep livestock out of streams. Smaller cattle operations can receive up to \$50,000 for best practices — plus ongoing technical assistance, **without competing for funding against larger operations.**

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.

The Small Herd Initiative pays up to 100% for:

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



## **Interested?**

Contact your Soil and Water Conservation District.  
Find your district at [www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/swcds](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/swcds)

