

**27—12.77(161C) Cost-share rates.** The following cost-share rates shall apply for eligible practices designated in rules 27—12.72(161C) to 27—12.74(161C). These rates represent the maximum allowable cost share provided by state funds. These rates may be used in combination with other public funds to provide a total cost-share rate not to exceed 75 percent of the lesser of the eligible or the estimated cost of installation.

**12.77(1) Cost-share rates.** Cost-share rates for practices designated in rule 27—12.72(161C) shall be 50 percent of the eligible or estimated cost of installation, whichever is less, except for contour buffer strips, field borders, and access control. Cost-share rates for 12.72(2), contour buffer strips, and 12.72(3), field borders, shall be a one-time payment of 50 percent of the eligible or estimated cost of installation, whichever is less, up to \$25 per acre. Cost-share rates for 12.72(10), access control, shall include a one-time payment of up to \$200 per acre. In addition, fencing systems used to implement access control are eligible for 50 percent of the eligible or estimated cost, whichever is less, not to exceed \$14 per rod for permanent fencing. Cost-share assistance for this practice may not be provided on the same acres that already received a cost-share payment through the buffer initiative program.

**12.77(2) Cost-share rates for water protection practices.** Cost-share rates for practices designated in rule 12.73(161C) shall be 50 percent of the eligible or estimated cost, whichever is less.

**12.77(3) Cost-share rates for agricultural drainage well closure.** Cost-share rates for practices designated in rule 27—12.74(161C) shall be the following:

*a.* Fifty percent of the eligible or estimated cost, whichever is less, of agricultural drainage well plugging and cistern removal, not to exceed \$500.

*b.* Fifty percent of the eligible or estimated cost, whichever is less, of establishing a tile outlet from the plugged agricultural drainage well to a suitable, legal outlet, not to exceed \$2,000.

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