

VERMONT FARM VIABILITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

FARM VIABILITY PROGRAM ENROLLMENT FEE

The Farm Viability Advisory Board at a meeting on 4-15-09 adopted the following:

A program enrollment fee is established for the VT Farm Viability Enhancement Program.

Each farm enrolled in the VT Farm Viability Program will pay a \$75 enrollment fee, starting with farms enrolled in FY 2010. Farmers will submit a check with the Farm Viability application form directly to VHCB, and the check will be deposited once the farm is enrolled.

Checks from farmers will be deposited no more than one month after the application is received, unless there is a waiting list. If there is a waiting list, or another reason to hold the check, the farmer will be notified.

Requests for a scholarship or reduced or waived fee will be handled at staff discretion. Refunds will only be made if VHCB or the service provider chooses to withdraw enrollment of the farm after the check has been deposited. If the farmer chooses not to complete the program, they will not receive a refund. Funds will be used at VHCB to contribute to direct services.