Bedded Pack Facilities
NRCS's Expectations

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- Convenient for Small Producers
- Conventional Manure Handling Equipment
- Better Soil Amendment
- Minimize Water in Manure
- Odor Control
- Economic Alternative to Storing Manure
Major Problems:
- Bedded Packs are high maintenance & high labor
- Insufficient Bedding
  - Not enough supply
  - Bedding costs too high
- Mastitis & High Somatic Cell
- Dirty Animals
- Containing Livestock within the facility
  - “Close the gate!”
- Manure Handling & Management
  - Scrape Alleys are problematic
  - Provide proper manure stacking locations away from the facility.
- Watering Facilities!
- NOFA Requirements
Possible Resolutions:

- Better educate producers on O&M and costs to operate roofed facilities.
- Provide better and more detailed O&M plans
- Provide estimate and approximate annual costs of bedding before facility is constructed.
- Not Recommended for Lactating Livestock.
- Review and possibly revise NRCS costshare policy on roof facilities.
- Provide better and more frequent follow up visits.
- Other!
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- Use as intended!
- Not equipment storage!
- Not hay storage!
- Provide Adequate Bedding
  - Keep Livestock Clean and Dry
  - Maintain MC so liquid manure won’t leach
- Keep Livestock Under Roof
- Do Not Pile, Stack or Store Manure Outside of Facility
  - Manure shall be promptly field applied or,
  - Manure shall be stacked/stored only in approved locations.

Questions?