



# Agricultural Enhancement Program FY20 Application

West Virginia  
Conservation Agency

Applicant Information
<b>Name:</b>
<b>Mailing Address:</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>
<b>Application Date:</b>

Office Use Only
<b>Conservation District:</b> Tygarts Valley Conservation District
<b>County:</b>
<b>Date Received:</b>
<b>Time Received:</b>
<b>Farm Map:</b> Yes No
<b>Soil Samples:</b> Yes No <b>Date Sample Taken:</b>

Best Management Practice
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*Please complete the following information for the Best Management Practice you would like to apply for:*

BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate	Farm Information
Division & Exclusion Fence	Not to exceed 2,500 feet. Boundary/Roadway fence are <u>not</u> eligible Total Fence Approval Not to exceed \$4,000.00 per applicant	Flat rate of \$1.60/ foot. Maximum footage of 2,500 ft. ___ Pasture Div. Fence ___ Water Exclusion Fence	Farm #: _____  Tract #: _____  Field #: _____

**Definition:**

- Fence Shall be a constructed barrier for animals

**Purpose:**

- Water Exclusion Fences will reduce erosion and improve water quality by controlling livestock which currently have access to streams, springs, wetlands, and/or ponds.
- Pasture Division Fences will divide pasture fields for better grazing management.

**Completion Date & Payment:**

- April 17, 2020** – practice must be completed, and invoices must be submitted
- The maximum cost share for this practice shall be \$1.60 per foot.
- Maximum of 2,500 feet per applicant.
- NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN.**

Heavy Use Area Protection	Use of gravel and fabric. Maximum of \$1,000.00 or 1,000 Sq. Ft.	\$1.00 per Sq. Ft. not to exceed 1,000 Sq. Ft	Farm #: _____ Tract #: _____ Field #: _____
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**Definition:**

- The stabilization of area frequently and intensively used by animals and/or vehicles by surfacing with suitable materials. The base shall be either gravel, crushed stone or geotextile to provide the site with a need for increased load bearing strength, drainage, separation of material, soil reinforcement.

**Purpose:**

- Reduce soil erosion.
- Improve water quantity and quality, aesthetics and livestock health.
- Can be used for the following: Livestock watering areas, livestock trails and walkways, loading and unloading areas, and post-harvesting areas.

**Completion Date & Payment:**

- December 6, 2019** – practice must be completed, and invoices must be submitted
- Cost share will pay \$1.00 per square foot up to 1,000 square feet or \$1,000.00
- Maximum of \$1,000.00 per applicant.
- NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN.**

Invasive Species Management	Cost-share on the cost of chemicals only.	\$90.00 per brush acre Maximum reimbursement of \$2,700.00	Farm #: _____ Tract #: _____ Field #: _____
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**Definition:**

- Management of invasive species on pasture, hay land, and woodland.

**Purpose:**

- Provide incentive for the control of invasive species on pasture, hay land and woodland.

**Completion Date & Payment:**

- **May 22, 2020** – practice must be completed, and invoices must be submitted
- The maximum cost share for this practice shall be at flat rate of \$90.00 per brush acre, up to 30 acres or \$2,700.00
- **NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN.**

Lime	Not to exceed 50 acres. Cover payment only for Registered State Ag Lime. Lime certification must accompany receipt.	Flat rate \$15.00 per ton for Ag Lime and Trucking. <b>Not Spreading.</b> Min 1 Ton, Max 3 Tons/acre. Not to exceed \$2,250.00 per applicant	Farm #: _____ Tract #: _____ Field #: _____
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**Definition:**

- To improve soil structure, soil tilth, reduce erosion, and increase the production of grassland.

**Purpose:**

- Provide incentive for the maintenance of pasture and/or hay land.
- Provide soil and watershed protection by increasing plant vigor and vitality therefore aiding in the reduction of erosion on grassland.

**Completion Date & Payment:**

- **December 6, 2019** – practice must be completed, and invoices must be submitted
- The maximum cost share for this practice shall be at flat rate of \$15.00 per ton, up to 150 acres.
- Maximum of 50 acres per applicant.
- **NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN.**

Nutrient Management	Not to exceed 20 acres. Will be based on needs from soil test. <b>Minimum pH of 5.6</b>	\$40.00/acre – 18-46-0 (DAP) \$20.00/acre – 0-0-60 Not to exceed \$1,200.00 per applicant	Farm #: _____ Tract #: _____ Field #: _____
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**Definition:**

- To improve soil structure, soil tilth, reduce erosion, and improve plant productivity on permanent pasture land.

**Purpose:**

- Provide incentive for the maintenance of permanent pasture.
- Provide soil and watershed protection by increasing plant vigor and vitality therefore aiding in the reduction of erosion on grassland.
- To budget and supply nutrients for plant production.

**Completion Date & Payment:**

- **May 22, 2020** – practice must be completed, and invoices must be submitted
- The cost share for this practice shall not exceed \$60.00 per acre for each applicant.
- Rates are based on 200 pounds of 18-46-0 (\$40/acre) and 100 pounds of 0-0-60 (\$20/acre).
- Maximum of 20 acres per applicant.
- **NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN.**

Pollinator Habitat	Not to exceed 10,890 Sq. Ft. (1/4 acre)	100 % cost share on the purchase of seed Not to exceed \$200.00	Farm #: _____ Tract #: _____ Field #: _____
<p><b>Definition:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area will be seeded and maintained in permanent vegetative cover to enhance wildlife habitat and pollinator habitat.</li> </ul> <p><b>Purpose:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To increase habitat for native and managed pollinators.</li> </ul> <p><b>Completion Date &amp; Payment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>April 17, 2020</b> – practice must be completed, and invoices must be submitted</li> <li>100% cost-share will be provided to purchase the seed for a pollinator planting.</li> <li>Maximum of \$200.00 per applicant.</li> <li><b>NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN.</b></li> </ul>			
Urban Agriculture	\$200.00 annually per cooperator for Rain Barrels, Raised Beds, Low Tunnels, Composters	70% cost share Not to exceed \$200.00	Farm #: _____ Tract #: _____ Field #: _____
<p><b>Definition:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Best Management Practices (BMP) must be purchased as a manufactured kit and built to manufactured instructions. BMPs are intended to address soil erosion and other related programs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Purpose:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aid urban landowners that are interested in agricultural practices.</li> <li>Rural landowners will not be excluded, providing soil and watershed protection by storm water management and soil erosion reduction, and encourage locally grown foods.</li> </ul> <p><b>Completion Date &amp; Payment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>May 22, 2020</b> – practice must be completed, and invoices must be submitted</li> <li>Maximum of \$200.00 per household per year.</li> <li>Maximum of \$1,600.00 or 8 applicants will be funded each fiscal year.</li> <li><b>NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN.</b></li> </ul>			
Watering System	Covers payments for spring development, well, well development, or pipeline and trough	Covers 70% of costs on Water Developments up to \$3,000.00	Farm #: _____ Tract #: _____ Field #: _____
<p><b>Definition:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide adequate amount and quality of drinking water for livestock.</li> </ul> <p><b>Purpose:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain or improve the quantity and quality of livestock water.</li> <li>Minimize liability and human health concerns.</li> </ul> <p><b>Completion Date &amp; Payment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>May 22, 2020</b> – practice must be completed, and invoices must be submitted</li> <li>Maximum of \$3,000.00 per applicant.</li> <li>Reimbursement will be 70% of expenses submitted for up to 2 (two) watering systems.</li> <li><b>NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN.</b></li> </ul>			

## Program Eligibility

### A. Policies for Practice

1. Applicant must be a District Cooperator.
2. A W-9 tax form will be required with application for District tax purposes.
3. Cost share is available to owner or lessee.
4. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field along with proposed acreage.
5. NRCS standards and specs must be followed.
6. Approvals will be final on **July 26, 2019**.
7. Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking form.
8. After approval applicant must follow job sheets provided at the time of signing the contract.
9. I agree to all screening and ranking tools used by the district.
10. Applications will be declined, if applicant's intentions of completed activities are inconsistent with respect to the definition and/or purpose of the practice(s) that are being applied for.

### B. Payment rates & limits:

1. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received, cooperator completes a W-9 form and the AEP committee has made a site visit.
2. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.
3. Practice must be completed, and receipts must be sent to the District Office by the project deadline. **NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN.**
4. Total reimbursement will not exceed total cost based on receipts submitted.
5. In combination with other practices applicant cannot exceed \$8,000.00 of assistance.

### C. Practice Specifications

1. Please refer to job sheets provided at the time of approval and signing of contract.
2. Water Exclusion Fences must either completely exclude livestock from streams/ponds when the project is finished; even if the entire length is not cost shared through Ag Enhancement. The length under contract must follow NRCS specifications.
3. Pasture Division Fences must connect to another fence or boundary to make a completely fenced in paddock when project is finished; even if the entire length is not cost shared through Ag Enhancement. The length under contract must follow NRCS specifications.
4. Heavy Use Area Protection only covers the use of gravel/stone and geotextile.
5. Invasive Species Management will only be paid on areas that are infested with Invasive Species (brush acres), based on the technicians' observation during site visit.
6. Lime payments will only be made on **Registered Agricultural Lime only.**
7. Lime receipts must have a certification stamp.
8. Nutrient Management will pay only on 18-46-0 (DAP) and 0-0-60 fertilizers.
9. Urban Agriculture will pay 70% reimbursement for composters, rain barrels, raised beds, and low tunnels **ONLY.**
10. Urban Agriculture **MUST** serve an agriculture need. Rain barrels will not be reimbursed if it does not provide for a garden, or other agricultural area.
11. Watering systems include: spring development, well development, well drilling, pipeline, watering trough, cistern, and hydrants.
12. Watering system must serve an agricultural resource concern (i.e. livestock, crops).
13. Watering system well sites must be approved by the NRCS state geologist.
14. Watering system Local Health Department Permit is required for a well.
15. WV Water well completion report.

By signing this I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions stated in this document.

Farm Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return By: May 17, 2019**

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