



2nd Half of FY 20 Agricultural Enhancement Program Frost Seeding Application

Sign up Period: January 6 – February 7, 2020

Applicant Information		Farm Information	
Name:		Conservation District: Eastern Panhandle	
Mailing Address:		County:	
Telephone:		Farm Name:	
Email Address:		Farm #:	
Application Date:		Tract #:	
		Field # or #'s:	
Best Management Practice			
<i>Please complete the following information for the Best Management Practice you would like to apply for:</i>			
BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate	Amount applied for
Frost Seeding	Not to exceed 50 acres per applicant. Soil test is required. Test must be no older than 3 yrs. old. If soil pH of any field is less than 5.6 that field is ineligible.	Flat rate of \$25/ ac.	_____ acres
Program Eligibility			

A. Definition

Frost seeding is an economical method of improving pasture fields by broadcasting the seed on frozen ground. As the ground freezes and thaws, it opens and closes allowing the seed to be incorporated into the soil. This keeps the seed from germinating until there is a good moisture supply early in the spring. Must be planted by March 15. If soil pH of any field is less than 5.6 that field is ineligible.

B. Purpose

Frost seeding legumes and grasses is increasingly being used as a means to improve pasture yields or change forage species composition within the pasture. The advantages to frost seeding are the ability to establish forage in an undisturbed sod, a reduced need for labor and energy compared to conventional seeding methods, the ability to establish forages with minimum equipment investment, a shortened "non-grazing" period, and it is a method to maintain stands at productive levels with both grasses and legumes.

C. 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. NRCS standards and specs must be followed.
5. Applicant must provide one of the following documents: Written lease for current time period, Current Farm Service Agency Farm Data Report or WVCA Operator Form. This will describe who is the owner and/or lessee.
6. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field along with proposed acreage.
7. A current soil test within three years for the field/s must be filed with the application to be eligible for sign up.
8. Approvals will be final on February 19, 2020.
9. Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the AEP Frost Seeding Area ranking form.
10. Invoices must be submitted by March 16, 2020.

D. Payment rates & limits:

1. The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be a flat rate of \$25/acre.
2. 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.
3. Producer will receive payment within 45 days after CD has approved payment at the monthly board meeting.
4. No duplication of federal or state dollars shall be allowable.
5. Lifespan of this practice is 1 year.

E. Seeding Specifications

1. All seed must be free of prohibited noxious weed seed and have a minimum germination rate of 80%. If the grower elects to use home grown seed, it must be tested for purity, germination and noxious weeds prior to seeding by a recognized seed laboratory.

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

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Date Received:	
Time Received:	
Ranking Score:	
If Approved:	
District Bd Date Approved:	
Contract Expiration Date:	
Application #:	
Verification #:	