

AgEP

AgEP's mission is to assist the agricultural cooperators of West Virginia Conservation Districts with the voluntary implementation of best management practices (BMPs) on agricultural lands in order to conserve and improve land and water quality. The program offers technical and financial assistance as an incentive to implement suggested best management practices. Additional practice options will be determined by each Conservation District to best address the needs of the district.

The intent of AgEP is to be a simple, user-friendly program in order to encourage participation. Overall program primary objectives include the reduction of nutrients and sediment from entering the waters of the State and increasing farm profitability and sustainability. Each conservation district has the ability to modify the program to address specific agricultural issues in its area.

AgEP will provide opportunities for demonstration of site-specific agricultural best management practices and the education of agricultural operators about innovative management and conservation practices and methods. AgEP supports implementation of new / innovative best management practices. CD's have discretion related to the evaluation and funding of these types of practices. Historically CD's have partnered with WVCA, WVU Extension, NRCS and other agencies for on-site demonstration of new / innovative practices.

Western CD Guidelines for Participation:

- Land must be engaged in the production of agricultural products
- All AgEP practices are limited by available funds
- All practices must be completed by the stated deadline. Please note deadline for your practice.
- A maximum cost share for all AgEP practices is \$4,000 per cooperator per calendar year from the date of application.
- Soil tests are encouraged on all practices. WVU lab preferred.

Check us out on the web at: www.wvca.us

SIGN UP June 1st-26th, 2020

Due to State of Emergency
SIGN UP BY MAIL OR EMAIL
Drop Off or Pick Up Applications
At Main Entrance

USDA Service Centers

Mason County & Western CD—304-675-3054
224C First Street, Point Pleasant

Jackson County NRCS—304-372-6231x3
2118 Ripley Road, Ripley

West Virginia Agricultural Enhancement Program

*Administered by:
West Virginia Conservation Districts with assistance from the West Virginia Conservation Agency*



Fiscal Year 2021

**Conservation
Best Management
Practices for
Your Land**



AGRICULTURAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM: WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?



Conservation Best Management Practices for Your Land.....

Western Conservation District 304-675-3054

email:wcd@wvca.us

www.wvca.us

Lime

Benefits:

The application of bulk agricultural lime only. Lime distributor must have registered with the WV Department of Agriculture. Lime will adjust the pH of the soil and release nutrients that may otherwise be restricted for plant use. Overall results would include improved soil structure, better soil tilth, reduced erosion, and increase production of the grassland.

Limits:

- Not to exceed 50 acres per farm per year
- Acreage previously limed under this program will not be eligible for two years and will require a new soil test before becoming eligible after two years.

Cost Share Rate:

- Up to \$21 per ton (includes purchase and delivery)
- Up to 2 tons per acre
- Soil pH of below 6.0 from a current soil test
- A current soil test is a test less than two years old
- Maximum cost share of \$2,100
- **Pasture or Meadow only.**
- Receipts Required

Frost Seeding

Benefits:

Reduce erosion from wind and water, increase organic matter content, capture and recycle/redistribute nutrients in the soil profile, soil moisture management, minimize and reduce soil compaction, weed suppression, promote biological nitrogen fixation.

Limits:

- 50 Acres Max
- Soil pH 5.8 or greater
- Must seed between February 1st to March 1st
- Pasture or Meadow Only

Cost Share Rate:

- \$20.00 per acre
- Not to exceed \$1,000.00
- Receipts Required
- **Must be done by March 15th**

Pollinator Habitat

Benefits:

Provide food and habitat for pollinators to help them thrive. In farming situations this increases production per acre. In the wild, biodiversity increases and wildlife food sources increase.

Limits:

- 1/2 acre maximum
- Completed by May 31st

Cost Share Rate:

- \$200 flat rate
- Receipts Required

Cover Crop

Benefits:

The coverage practice of growing a crop of grass, small grain or legumes is primarily for seasonal protection and soil improvement. This practice will protect water quality by reducing soil erosion if properly constructed and maintained. Cover crops have a filtering effect on movement of sediment, pathogens, dissolved nutrients, and pollutants.

Limits:

- 50 Acres
- Must be terminated, plowed under or grazed after March 1st.
- Will not pay for crop harvested as grain.
- **Practice must be planted by November 15th**

Cost Share Rate:

- \$30 per acre flat rate
- Not to exceed \$1,500

Completion Dates will be noted on your contract. You must complete the practice by the date stated on the contract to be eligible for reimbursement.

Water Development

Benefits:

A watering facility is a device (tank, trough, or other watertight container) to provide watering for livestock and / or wildlife at selected locations in order to: Protect and enhance vegetative cover through proper distribution of grazing. Provide erosion control through better grassland management. Protect streams, ponds, and water supplies from contamination by providing alternative access.

Limits:

- Sufficient number of livestock must be present at least five months out of the year
- Land must be engaged in the production of agriculture products.

Cost Share Rate:

- Not to exceed \$4,000

Flat Rate per practice:

- Spring Development: \$950
- Pond: \$2,500
- Cistern: \$1,400
- Water Well: \$11.00/per ft.
- Pump: \$700
- Pipeline: \$1.90/foot
- Trough: \$800
- Roof Runoff Mangement

Fence

(Division & Exclusion)

Benefits:

Division Fence, when properly constructed and maintained allows producers to efficiently rotate pasture thus reducing erosion and increasing pasture health.

Exclusion Fencing is used to exclude animals, people, or vehicles from an area, usually streams or forestland.

Limits:

- \$4,000 per contract
- Must have serviceable boundary fence
- Sufficient number of livestock must be present at least five months out of the year
- Land must be engaged in the production of agriculture products.

Cost Share Rate:

- \$1.50 linear foot
- Not to exceed a total length of 2665 feet

**Sign Up by Mail at: WCD
224C 1st St, Pt Pleasant WV
25550 or email wcd@wvca.us
Drop Off and Pick Up Box for
applications located at office
entrance.**

A Complete Application Must be submitted which includes:

- ⇒ Practice Application
- ⇒ IRS W-9
- ⇒ Soil Test Results
- ⇒ Cooperator Agreement
- ⇒ Farm Map
- ⇒ Lease (if not owner)

Guidelines: per Year

Two Practice Limit per Farm

\$4,000 Cap per Farm

Must be a WCD Cooperator

Land must be engaged in farming

Land must be in WCD co's
Jackson, Mason or Putnam

Must meet eligibility rules

Questions call **304-539-0663**

All applications are ranked using a statewide ranking criteria.