

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 it's 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. CDs have discretion related to the evaluation and funding of these types of practices. Historically CDs have partnered with WVCA, WVU Extension, NRCS and other agencies for on-site demonstration of new / innovative practices.

Guyan 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 a deadline.
- Soil tests are encouraged on all practices.

*** Programs are subject to change**



For Additional Information Contact:

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Mingo, and Boone counties
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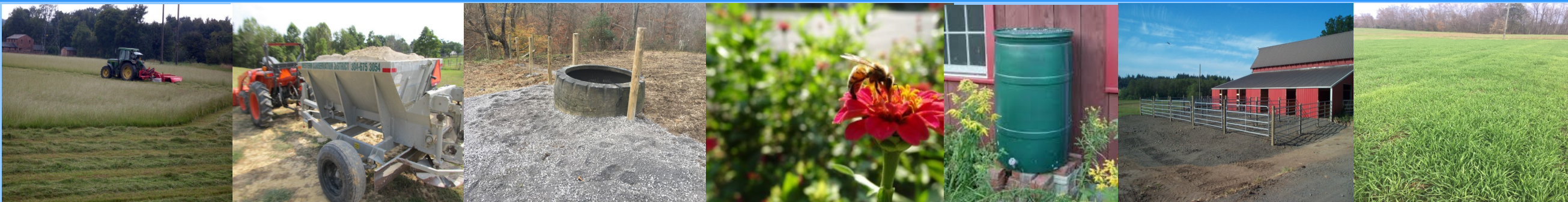


West Virginia Agricultural Enhancement Program

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



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Guyan Conservation District

<p><u>Lime</u></p> <p><u>Benefits:</u></p> <p>The applications of agricultural 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.</p> <p><u>Limits:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not to exceed 3 tons per acre.• After 3 years the initial acreage is eligible for re-application.• Soil pH of below 6.0 from a current soil test• Soil test recommendations will be followed.• Hay land, pastureland and cropland are eligible. <p><u>Cost Share Rate:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to \$30 per ton (includes purchase and delivery)• Maximum cost share of \$2,250.00	<p><u>Frost Seeding</u></p> <p><u>Benefits:</u></p> <p>Reduce erosion from wind and water, increase organic matter content, capture and recycle/redistribute nutrients in the soil profile.</p> <p><u>Limits:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50 Acres Max on pasture and/ or hay land.• Soil pH 6.0 or greater• Previously seeded areas are not eligible for 3 years.• A current soil test within the last three years.• Frost Seeding sign ups will be held each year in December.• Practice window shall be between January 1 to March 15. <p><u>Cost Share Rate:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50% of Seed Receipts• Not to exceed \$500.00	<p><u>Critical Area Planting</u></p> <p><u>Benefits:</u></p> <p>This practice will improve soil structure, better soil tilth, reduce erosion, and increase the production of grasslands.</p> <p><u>Limits:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 acre maximum. <p><u>Cost Share Rate:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$800.00 or % of an acre. <p>Ex. 50%= 1/2 acre=\$400.00</p>	<p><u>Urban Agriculture</u></p> <p><u>Benefits:</u></p> <p>Provide safe, healthy, and green environments for growing fruits and vegetables in an urban setting.</p> <p>One application per household. Practice includes raised bed, cover crop, low tunnel, and straw mulch.</p> <p><u>Limits:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be a manufactured kit.• 1 Low Tunnel per household. Can reapply for practices after 3 years. <p><u>Cost Share Rate:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 75% of invoice price• Not to exceed \$300.00	<p><u>Micro Irrigation System</u></p> <p><u>Benefits:</u></p> <p>Provide safe, healthy, and green environments for growing fruits and vegetables in an urban setting.</p> <p><u>Cost Share Rate:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 75% of materials purchased• Not to exceed \$1,000.00	<p><u>Heavy Use Area Protection</u></p> <p><u>Benefits:</u></p> <p>The protection of heavily used areas reduces soil erosion, and the runoff of nutrients and other pollutants that impact water quality. For use in heavily used areas that have significant signs of soil erosion created by livestock.</p> <p><u>Limits:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not to exceed 1,000/ft²• Not to be used as feeding areas or handling of livestock.• Can be used for the following: Livestock watering areas. Livestock trails, walkways and livestock winter loafing areas. <p><u>Cost Share Rate:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$0.87/ft²• Not to exceed \$870.00 per contract	<p><u>Invasive Species Management</u></p> <p><u>Benefits:</u></p> <p>Enhance accessibility, quantity of forage and /or browsing. Restore or release native or create desired plant communities and wildlife habitats. Protect soils and control soil erosion.</p> <p><u>Limits:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not to exceed 2 brush acres• Invasive Species will be treated by using hack and squirt herbicide or the basil bark method.• No foliar treatment.• After 3 years the initial acreage is eligible for re-application. <p><u>Cost share Rate:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$100.00 per brush acre• Not to exceed \$200.00	<p><u>Requirement for all Programs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A copy of lease will be required for operator if not owner.• A current soil test within the last three years.• A map of the property with the field boundaries outlined. <p>*Property must be in the boundaries of the Guyan Conservation District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boone County• Cabell County• Lincoln County• Logan County• Mingo County• Wayne County
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