



Chesapeake Bay Program Cover Crop Application

Sign up period: June 1 – June 30, 2016

Practices MUST be completed by November 9, 2016

Name _____

Farm Number/Name _____

Address _____

Tract # _____

Field # _____

Good Day Time Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Best Management Practice (BMP) applied for:

BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate	Amount applied for	Current Crop	Crop to be planted
Cover Crops	Not to exceed 75 acres Must follow a row crop	\$55/ac. by October 4 th \$45/ac. by October 18 th \$35/ac. by November 9 th (ONLY wheat, rye and triticale)	_____ acres		

A. Description and Purpose

1. Cost-share payments are provided for the establishment of vegetative cover on cropland for protection from rain and wind erosion and the reduction of nutrient losses to groundwater.

B. 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 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.
5. The applicant, if a member of a legal entity, must provide a copy of a CCC-901 Form stating who the members are.
6. The applicant must have a Farm Use Evaluation for this property.
7. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field where the proposed planting will be.
8. Approvals will be final on August 1, 2016.
9. Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking form.
10. Invoices must be submitted by November 9, 2016.

C. Practice 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.
2. The cover crop residue may be left on the field for conservation purposes; or the cover crop or its residue may be tilled under; or the cover crop may be harvested after April 1st.
3. Life span of this practice is a minimum of 1 year.

Some of the recommended seed type and planting rates are listed in the following table:			
Species	Rates/ ac	Species	Rates/ac
Wheat	2 bu.	Crimson Clover	20 lbs.
Cereal Rye	2 bu.	Red Clover	15 lbs.
Spring Oats	2 bu.	White Clover	12 lbs.
Barley	2 bu.	Ryegrass	40 lbs.
Triticale	2 bu.	Bluegrass	40 lbs.
Annual Ryegrass	30 lbs.	Smooth Bromegrass	40 lbs.
Hairy Vetch	30 lbs.	Orchardgrass	40 lbs.
Crownvetch	5-20 lbs.	Timothy	40 lbs.
Mixed: Radish, peas, etc.	Consult	Birdsfoot Trefoil	10 lbs.

D. Payment rates & limits:

1. The maximum cost-share for this practice is \$55/ac by October 4th, \$45/ac by October 18th and/or \$35/ac by November 9th.
2. Maximum of 75 acres per producer.
3. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received and an AEP representative has made a site visit.
4. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.

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

Farm Name (if applicable): _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Chesapeake Bay Cover Crop Cost-Share Evaluation Worksheet

Name _____ Farm Name _____ Field(s) _____ Tract # _____

Priority Considerations

- (1) Agricultural non-point source pollution (where BMP will be implemented) Ranking of { }
Points considered on footage related to an environmental concern, ex. Streams, sink holes, public areas or water supply.
0=250 feet or more
3=51-249 feet
5=0-50 feet
- (2) A certified Nutrient Management Plan (provide 4 points if a current plan exists, 2 if it is to be developed, 0 if no planning is anticipated.
Current (date written : _____)..... { }
To be developed..... { }
Total points toward priority considerations..... { }
- (3) A certified Conservation plan (provide 4 points if a current plan exists, 2 if it is to be developed, 0 if no planning is anticipated.
Current (date written : _____)..... { }
To be developed..... { }
Total points toward priority considerations..... { }

Total Priority Considerations Score: _____

District Priorities (Rate significance from 0-4)

- (1) Public water supply concerns..... { } x 4 =
Specify: Closest BMP from a public source concern, ex. Subdivision.
1: 2,501 or greater feet
2: 1,001-2,500 feet
3: 501-1,000 feet
4: 0-500 feet
- (2) Animal waste concerns..... { } x 3 =
Specify: Points based on the number of animals on farm.
0: Zero animals
1: 1-20
2: 21-50
3: 51-99
4: 100 or more

- (3) First time participant in EPCD/WVCA conservation programs..... (NO=0 or YES=4) =

Total District Priorities Score: _____

<i>Total Participants Score</i>
<i>Total Priority Considerations Score:</i>
<i>Total District Priorities Score:</i>
<i>TOTAL:</i>