



# Agricultural Enhancement Program Pollination (Honeybee Nucleus Colonies)

FY23



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

Farm Information
<b>Capitol Conservation District</b>
<b>County: Kanawha</b>
<b>Farm Name (Optional):</b>
<b>Farm #:</b>
<b>Tract #:</b>
<b>Field # or #'s:</b>

Best Management Practice		
BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate
<b>Pollination (Honeybee Nucleus Colony)</b>	No number limit, only cost-share cap	75% up to a maximum of <u>\$225</u>

## Program Eligibility

**Definition:**

Pollination practices establish new pollinator habitat, manage/improve existing habitat, and increase healthy pollinator populations.

**Purpose:**

Maintaining healthy pollinator communities and thriving pollinator habitats can improve water quality, provide habitat for other wildlife, and help stabilize and build soil structure. Healthy pollinator communities will be able to provide the service that they offer to crops that depend on them to produce fruits, vegetables, and nuts.

**Policies for Program:**

- Applicant must be a District Cooperator. *(a form is available upon request)*
- Cost share is available to landowner and/or farm operator *(lessee)*.
- Applicant is ineligible for a practice reimbursement if he/she starts project before District approval.
- No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.
- Cooperators are limited to 2 approved applications plus lime and \$4,000.00 of assistance per fiscal year *(July 2022-June 2023)*.
- Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and a ranking process.
- Applications received by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each of month are typically placed on that month's agenda.

**Policies for Practice:**

- Nucleus colonies must be purchased according to the following guidelines:
  - Nuc must be sourced from West Virginia.
  - Nuc must be pre-inspected by WVDA.
  - Nuc must be at least 5 frames.
  - Honey and Pollen must be provided with the nuc.
  - Nuc must contain a new queen.
  - All State and local laws must be followed while transporting honeybees.

- All State and local laws must be followed while operating an apiary. Such laws would include but are not limited to registration and inspection of hives.
- Cooperators must follow all WVDA best management practices on his/her apiary.
- A beginning or advanced beekeeping course must have been completed (*in past 10 years*) and/or cooperator is a member of a local beekeeping organization.

**Reimbursement Process:**

- The payment will be approved as: 1. Receipts are received; 2. Verification form is signed; 3. District approves the payment.
- All receipts and forms are due to the Capitol Conservation District Office by **June 1, 2023** otherwise payments may be delayed or even denied.

**Application deadline is May 1, 2023 and must include the following:**

- Cooperator Agreement (*if applicable*)
- Signed Practice Application Form
- IRS W-9 Form
- Farm map with individual fields and areas identified where the practice is proposed.
- Lease agreement, Producer Application Form, or USDA-FSA Annual Farm Report (*if applicable*).
- Application deadline may be extended upon Capitol Conservation District approval.

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

**Applicants Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY:</b>	
<b>Date Received:</b>	
<b>Time Received:</b>	
<b>Ranking Score:</b>	
<b>If Approved:</b>	
<b>BD Date Approved:</b>	
<b>Contract Expiration Date:</b>	
<b>Application #:</b>	
<b>Verification #:</b>	