

Practice MUST BE completed by Friday, November 13th
(Anything reported after will not receive payment)



FY27 Agricultural Enhancement Program

Cover Crop Application

Application Period: July 15, 2026 - August 15, 2026

Information below MUST match that on W9.

Name:	Conservation District: Eastern Panhandle	
Mailing Address:	County:	
	Farm Name:	
Telephone:	Farm #:	
Email Address:	Tract #:	
Application Date:	Field # or #s:	
What is your preferred method to receive written notification?	Email	Letter
What is the best way to contact you?	Call	Text
Do you own or lease the land associated with this application?	Own	Lease
Are the fields associated with this application part of another financial incentive program?	Yes	No
Is the land associated with this application part of a farming operation?	Yes	No
Do you have a financial interest in a farming entity with a District supervisor?	Yes	No
Are you a relative of a district supervisor, WVCA employee, or district employee?	Yes	No
Have you attended a conservation related event or workshop within the past 12 months?	Yes	No

Best Management Practice

BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate	Amount Applied For
Cover Crop	Not to exceed <u>125</u> acres	\$ <u>50</u> per acre DNE: \$ <u>6,250</u>	<u> </u> acres

Program Eligibility

Definition:

Crops include grasses, legumes and forbs for seasonal cover and other conservation purposes.

Purpose:

Reduce erosion from wind and water, increase soil organic matter content, capture and recycle or redistribute nutrients in the soil profile, promote biological nitrogen fixation, increase biodiversity and enhance habitat for pollinators, weed suppression, provide supplemental forage, soil moisture management, reduce particulate emissions into the atmosphere, and minimize and reduce soil compaction.

Policies for Practice:

1. Applicant must be a district cooperator.
2. W-9 tax form is required with application for district tax purposes.
3. Cost share is available to owner and/or lessee.
4. Applicants must provide a map identifying fields and acreages.

5. NRCS standards and specs must be followed.
6. Approval will be considered on August 19th, 2026.
7. Application approvals will be based on ranking form and availability of funds.
8. Invoices must be submitted by December 1st, 2026.
9. All seeds 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.

Some of the recommended seed type and planting rates are listed below:				
Species	Rate/ac		Species	Rate/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.		Orchard Grass	40 lbs.
Crown Vetch	5–20 lbs.		Timothy	40 lbs.
Mixed: Radish, Peas, Etc.	Consult		Birdsfoot Trefoil	10 lbs.

Payment Rates & Limits:

1. The maximum cost-share for this practice shall at \$ 50 per acre up to \$ 6,250.
2. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received, cooperator completes w-9, and a verification site visit has been completed. Please note payment will be delayed this year and is expected to arrive in spring of 2027.
3. No duplication of federal and state cost share shall be allowed.

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

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date Received	
Time Received	
Ranking Score	
If Approved	
Date Approved	
Contract Expiration Date	
Application Number	
Verification Number	

Name: _____

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