



West Virginia  
Conservation Agency

## FY27 Agricultural Enhancement Program High Tunnel Soil Health Application

Application Period: May 2026- April 2027

**Information below MUST match that of the W9.**

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

### Best Management Practice

BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate	Amount applied for
<b>High Tunnel Soil Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 layers of plastic</li> <li>Cover Crop</li> <li>End Walls</li> <li>Side Curtains</li> </ul>	75% of receipts not to exceed \$1,000.00	Size of High Tunnel Length: _____ Width: _____ # Layer Plastic _____

### Program Eligibility

**Definition:**

High tunnel soil health is defined as managing the soil as a living ecosystem that maintains fertility and structure despite being protected from rain, which often causes high salinity (salt accumulation), pH imbalances, and nutrient buildup due to intense production.

**Purpose:**

The primary purpose of high tunnel soil health management is to sustain long-term, intensive agricultural production by preventing soil degradation, such as salt buildup, nutrient imbalances, and erosion.

**Policies for Practice:**

1. Applicant must be a district cooperator.
2. **Total maximum cost share payment of \$3,000.00 per fiscal year per cooperator.**
3. 1 application per household is permitted.
4. W-9 tax form is required with application for district tax purposes.
5. Cost Share is available to owner and/or lessee.

6. Practices must be completed by **May 25, 2026**.
7. Applicants are ineligible for practice reimbursement if he/she starts project before district approval.
8. Applicants must provide a map identifying fields and acreage.
9. WVCA standards and specs must be followed.
10. Cooperators may sign up for High Tunnel Soil Health practice once per fiscal year.
11. Pending board approval, practice time will begin **10 days** following board meeting date and extend to **60 days**.
12. Application approvals will be based on ranking form and availability of funds.
13. After approval, applicant must follow job sheet provided at the time of signing contract.
14. **All invoices must be submitted prior to May 25, 2026, deadline as identified in Approval Letter and Agreement.**

**Practice Specification:**

1. Cooperator must have an installed and actively managed NRCS high tunnel that is at least 5 years old.
2. Cooperator must take soil samples at the time of application and prior to installing new plastic. Soil should be analyzed for Electric Conductivity - EC (indicator of salt level).
3. A multi species cover crops, consisting of no less than 3 species, shall be planted after removal of the used plastic.
4. Soil must be covered to reduce soil erosion during the time in which the plastic is removed by the following methods:
  - a. If plastic is removed before April 30th, straw mulch shall be applied at a rate of 3 bales per 1000 square feet. Mulch shall be applied according to NRCS specifications and anchoring may be required.
  - b. If plastic is removed from April 30th- August 30th, straw as described above shall be applied, vegetable crops planted and actively growing, or a multi species cover crop must be planted and/or maintained. Fall cover crops are required.
  - c. If plastic is removed after August 30th, a multi species cover crop must be planted inside the high tunnel by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Payment rates & limits:**

1. The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be **75%** not to exceed **\$1,000.00**.
2. Cost-sharing may be authorized for removal and purchase of single or double layer of plastic, meeting NRCS Specifications (6 mil, 4-year plastic).
3. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received, cooperator completes W9, and a verification site visit has been completed.
4. 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Received	
Time Received	
Ranking Score	
Date Approved	
Contract Expiration Date	
Application Number	
Verification Number	