



# Agricultural Enhancement Program Division/Exclusion Fence Application

Applicant Information
<b>Name:</b>
<b>Mailing Address:</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>
<b>Application Date:</b>
<b>Are you a WVCA/WFCD employee?</b> YES/NO
<b>Are you a family member of a WVCA/WFCD employee?</b> YES/NO
<b>Do you operate land with a WVCA/WFCD employee?</b> YES/NO

Farm Information
<b>Monongahela Conservation District</b>
<b>County :</b>
<b>Farm Name:</b>
<b>Farm # :</b>
<b>Tract # :</b>
<b>Field # or #'s:</b>
<b>Are you a Conservation District Supervisor?</b> YES/NO
<b>Are you a family member of a District Supervisor?</b> YES/NO
<b>Do you operate land with a District Supervisor?</b> YES/NO

**Best Management Practice**

*Please complete the following information for the Best Management Practice you would like to apply for:*

BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate	Length Requested
<b>Division Fence &amp; Water/ Woods Exclusion Fence</b>	Max. of <u>2,500 ft.</u> of High Tensile or Barbed Wire.	Flat rate payment of <u>\$1.65</u> per foot ( <i>barbed or high tensile</i> )	_____ Division Fence
	Max. of <u>2,000 ft.</u> of Woven Wire.	Flat rate payment of <u>\$2.25</u> ( <i>woven wire</i> )	_____ Water Exclusion
			_____ Woods Exclusion

**Program Eligibility**

**Definition:**

A constructed barrier for livestock.

**Purpose:**

- Reduce erosion and improve water quality by controlling livestock that currently have access to woodlands, streams, springs, wetlands, and ponds.
- To divide pasture fields to accomplish better pasture grazing management.

**Policies for Program:**

- Applicant must be a District Cooperator. (*a form is available upon request*)
- 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.
- When an applicant has cancelled an AgEP Agreement for two fiscal years, he/she will not be eligible to participate for the next two immediate fiscal years.
- Government land is ineligible.
- Property must be used as a farming operation to be eligible for the program: having the potential for producing at least \$1000 of farm products annually.

- In combination with other practices applicant **cannot** exceed **\$7,000.00** of assistance per fiscal year (*July 2021-June 2022*).
- Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and a ranking process.

**Policies for Practice:**

- Livestock must be present on property or landowner must have livestock and demonstrate the need for the fence.
- Care must be given to protect water quality during and after installation.
- Fence construction must follow the recommendation of the USDA-NRCS and/or the manufacture’s recommendations.
- A job sheet with fencing specifications will be provided that includes: Height, type, spacing, and other guidance will be provided that best provides the needs of the livestock and use of the fence.
- Fencing materials, type, and design of fence installed shall be of a high quality and durable.
- All fences must be of a permanent kind.
- Once completed, fences must either completely exclude livestock from wooded areas or streams/ponds when the project is finished, even if the entire length is not cost shared through Ag Enhancement. The length under contract must follow NRCS specifications.
- Fences must connect to another fence or boundary to make a completely fenced in paddock when project is finished, even if the entire length is not cost shared through Ag Enhancement. The length under contract must follow NRCS specifications.
- Landowner agrees to maintain this practice for a period of at least 20 years after the date of completion.

**Payment Rates and Limits:**

- Cost share is available to landowner and/or farm operator (*lessee*).
- The maximum for reimbursement is \$1.65 per foot with a cap of 2,500 feet of high tensile or barbed wire per applicant (*\$4,125.00*) per fiscal year or \$2.25 per foot woven wire, capped at 2,000 feet per applicant per fiscal year (*\$4,500.00*).
- Reimbursement will not exceed total cost of fencing materials and labor.
- The *Fence* must be **completed** and **fully functional** by **April 22, 2022**.

**Reimbursement Process:**

- The payment will be approved as: 1. Receipts are received; 2. Cooperator completes a W-9 form; 3. Site visit is done; 4. Verification form is signed; 5. District approves the payment.
- All receipts and forms are due to the Monongahela Conservation District Office by **April 22, 2022** otherwise payments may be delayed or even denied.
- **No contract extensions will be granted for any reason.**

**Application due **May 28, 2021** and must include the following:**

- Cooperator Agreement (*if applicable*)
- Practice Application Form
- Farm map with individual fields and areas identified where the *Fence* is proposed.
- Lease agreement when applicable which is at least the length of the practice life (*20 years*).
- Application deadline may be extended upon Monongahela Conservation District approval.

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:	