



Agricultural Enhancement Program Hay Re-Seeding Application

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

Farm Information
MONONGAHELA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
County:
Farm Name:
Farm #:
Tract #:
Field # or #'s:
Are you a Conservation District Supervisor? YES/NO
Are you a family member of a District Supervisor? YES/NO
Do you operate land with a District Supervisor? 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	Amount Requested
Hay Re-Seeding	Must be a Hay Field. <i>(at least 2 cuttings taken per year)</i> Max of <u>25</u> acres Min. of <u>6.0</u> pH	75% <i>(seed and labor costs)</i> up to \$50/acre \$1,250.00 Max	_____ acres

Program Eligibility

Definition:

Forage re-seeding is the method of establishing adapted and/or compatible species, varieties, or cultivators of herbaceous species suitable for hay production.

Purpose:

Hay Re-Seeding is used to improve or maintain livestock nutrition and health. It can provide increased forage supply during periods of low forage production. Re-seeding hay fields can reduce soil erosion and improve soil and water quality.

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:

- Field must be used for hay production currently. (*at least 2 cuttings taken per year*)
- Soil fertility on planned hay-reseeding fields must be medium or higher nutrient levels on the most current soil test.
- Soil pH must be 6.0 or greater.
- If the field for which the practice is being requested is under contract for financial assistance for a re-seeding activity under another program, that field is ineligible for this program.

Practice Specifications:

- USDA-NRCS standards and specs must be followed.
 - (*Forage and Biomass Planting*)
- After approval, applicant must follow job sheets provided.
- Planting dates for the *Hay Re-Seeding* practice:
 - Cool season forages- August 15th – September 15th or March 15th - April 15th.
 - Warm season forages- April 1st – May 15th.
 - Frost seeding legumes – January 1st – February 29th.
- Methods of seeding stands may be established either by, conventional, no-till, or broadcasting (*frost seeding only*).

Payment Rates and Limits:

- Cost share is available to landowner and/or farm operator (*lessee*).
- The maximum for reimbursement is 75% up to \$50/acre for the purchase of seed and labor costs up to \$1,250.00.
- The *hay re-seeding* must be completed no later than the dates listed in the “*Practice Specifications*” section.
- A copy or picture of seed label which includes information such as composition and germination rate will be required to be considered for reimbursement.

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 **May 20, 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 *hay-reseeding* is proposed.
- A current soil test result for each field. The test is current if it has been taken within three (3) years. (*Current soil test must come from an accredited laboratory*)
- Lease agreement when applicable which is at least the length of the practice life (*5 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.

Applicants Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Date Received:	
Time Received:	