



# Agricultural Enhancement Program Pollination (Honeybee Nucleus) 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
Pollination	Two (2) -5-frame Honeybee Nucleus Colonies w/new queen	75% -Up to \$200.00 (purchase of nuc colonies)	_____Honeybee Nucleus Colony

### 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)
- Applicant is ineligible for a practice reimbursement if he/she starts project before District approval.
- 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:**

- If the applicant is receiving financial assistance for a honeybee nucleus colony under another program, applicant is ineligible for this practice.
- In order to be presented for payment approval, invoice(s) shall clearly state what costs were incurred.

**Honeybee Nucleus Colony Specifications:**

- 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.

**Payment Rates and Limits:**

- Cost share is available to landowner and/or farm operator (*lessee*).
- The maximum reimbursement is 75% for the purchase of honeybee nucleus colonies up to \$200.00.
- Cooperators are limited to cost-share for two Honeybee Nucleus Colonies per fiscal year.
- The *nucleus colony* must be established in a permanent hive by **May 20, 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 **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
- An aerial map with which identifies where the nucleus colony(*ies*) will be located.
- Lease agreement (*when applicable*) which is at least the length of the practice life (*1 year*).
- 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:	