



# Agricultural Enhancement Program Invasive Species Management 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	Amount Requested
<b>Invasive Species Management</b>	Cost-share on <u>herbicide</u> purchases only.	75% (cost of herbicide) up to \$40/ Acre Max reimbursement: \$1,200.00	_____ Acres

**Program Eligibility**

**Definition:**

Control of non-native invasive species in pasture fields and along fence rows using herbicide.

**Purpose:**

The *Invasive Species* practice manages the spread of invasive plants which reduces negative environmental and economic impacts caused by these species.

**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:**

- Farm animals must be on the property for there to be a resource concern that justifies this practice.
- Plants to be controlled must be on the Invasive Species plant list published by the WV Division of Natural Resources or USDA-NRCS.
- Where applicable, NRCS and/or WVU Extension Service standards and recommendations must be followed.
- Care must be given to protect soil quality, water quality, and pollinators during and after herbicide application.
- Follow all label directions.
- The applicant may use the herbicide of their choice if the pest plant to be controlled is listed on the label or has been recommended by WVU Extension or other WVDA certified pesticide applicator.
- Only acres that are infested with invasive species will be considered for the program. This will be decided through observation of invasive species present and mapping software to get an accurate acreage. The acreage on the field map will not be used to determine the acreage alone.
- Seeding and/or mulching should be performed where bare earth is created due to mechanical disturbance or chemical application and soil erosion will occur.

**Payment Rates and Limits:**

- Cost share is available to landowner and/or farm operator (*lessee*).
- The maximum reimbursement is 75% for the cost to purchase herbicide up to \$40/acre and \$1,200.00.
- This practice is limited to 30 acres per fiscal year.
- The herbicide application must be **completed** by **May 27, 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 27, 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 the area identified where the *Invasive Species* infested acreage is proposed.
- Lease agreement when applicable which is at least the length of the practice life (*1 year*).
- When a chemical application to a boundary line fence is wanted, a written statement authorizing that treatment from the neighboring landowner must be submitted as part of this application.
- 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:	