



Agricultural Enhancement Program Summer Annual Seeding Application

| Applicant Information |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| Summer Annual Seeding | Fields may be used as Pasture or Hay. Max of <u>10</u> acres Min. of <u>5.6</u> pH | 50% (seed and labor costs) up to \$70/acre | _____ acres |

Program Eligibility

Definition:

The establishment of warm season annual forages by seeding on land that has been regularly fed on (sacrifice areas), pasture that needs improved, to control summer weeds, to renovate pasture, and/or to increase grazing potential where cool season forages are predominant.

Purpose:

Summer annual forages are known for their remarkable ability to grow fast and produce several tons of forage in a short time, even during periods of drought. Warm season growth compliments the dormant stage for cool season forages.

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 pasture or hay production currently.
- Soil fertility on planned summer annual seeding fields must be medium or higher nutrient levels on the most current soil test.
- Soil pH must be 5.6 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 *Summer Annual Seeding* practice:
 - Warm season forages- April 1st – May 15th.
- Forages may be established by conventional or no-till methods.
- Approved forages include: *Sorghum (forage), Sudangrass, Sorghum Sudangrass, Millet, Crabgrass, Teff, Cowpeas, Sunhemp, Brassicas, Sunflower, Clover, Annual Rye.* Additionally, cool season forages will only be accepted if they are already in the seed mix and they do not make up most of the mix.

Payment Rates and Limits:

- Cost share is available to landowner and/or farm operator *(lessee)*.
- The maximum for reimbursement is 50% up to \$70/acre for the purchase of seed and labor costs up to \$700.00.
- The *summer annual 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 *summer annual seeding* 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 *(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:** _____

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| Date Received: | |
| Time Received: | |