



Agricultural Enhancement Program Watering System 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
Watering System	Cost-Share up to 50% for up to 2 water developments \$5000.00 Fiscal Year Cap	___ Spring Development 50%, up to \$1,700.00 (pipeline and trough included) ___ Well \$20.00 per foot (up to 150 ft.) ___ Well development 50% up to \$2,000.00 (for development- pump, pipeline, and trough) ___ Pipeline and trough 50% up to \$1,500.00	Total: \$_____

Program Eligibility

Definition:

To provide adequate amount of drinking water for livestock.

Purpose:

The purpose of a *Watering System* is to improve the quantity and quality of livestock drinking water, reduce the impact of livestock on water quality, and to improve livestock utilization of forage resources.

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 using the field to justify this practice. However, if you own livestock and are unable to utilize that (*already fenced*) field because of the need for a water development, exceptions may be made.
- The District cannot cost-share to repair or replace an existing *Watering System* that has been previously cost-shared by government funds within the lifespan of the practice (*20 years*).
- NRCS standards and specs and/or the manufacture’s recommendations must be followed for each component of the *Watering System*.
- Wells will be approved only when all other sources of water are judged to be inadequate for the needs.
- Acceptable trough and fountain types will be considered on an individual basis.
- Care must be given to protect soil and water quality during and after installation.
- A heavy use area will be required around installed watering troughs.
- When a trough is being fed by a pond or stream, that water source must be fenced to exclude livestock.
- Disturbed areas must be seeded and mulched.
- Applicant agrees to maintain these facilities for a period of at least 10 years after the date of completion.

Payment Rates and Limits:

- Cost share is available to landowner and/or farm operator (*lessee*).
- The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be 50% up to \$1,700.00 towards a spring development, \$20.00 per foot up to 150 feet for a well, 50% up to \$2,000.00 for well development, and 50% up to \$1,500.00 for pipeline and trough, with a cap of \$5,000.00 per cooperator per fiscal year.
- The Monongahela Conservation District limits cooperators to two (*2*) water developments per fiscal year. Well Developments and Drilling a Well will be considered two (*2*) separate developments. In the instance when an additional trough is needed from a water development, that second trough will be considered a separate development.
- The *Watering System* must be **installed** and **fully functioning** 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
- Farm map with the area identified where the *Watering System* is proposed.
- Lease agreement when applicable which is at least the length of the practice life (*20 years*).
- Application deadline may be extended upon District Board approval.

By signing this I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions stated in this document.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Date Received:	
Time Received:	