



Agricultural Enhancement Program Winter Grazing 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
Winter Grazing	Not to exceed <u>50</u> acres <i>(does not have to be contiguous).</i> Min. pH of <u>5.6</u> Min. P and K range of Medium	Up to <u>\$20.00</u> per acre <i>(urea (46-0-0) fertilizer).</i> Not to exceed <u>\$1,000.00</u>	_____ acres

Program Eligibility

Definition:

The stockpiling of forage to extend grazing periods for livestock.

Purpose:

The benefits of *Winter Grazing* include reducing soil erosion, protecting water quality, reducing fossil fuel requirements of farming operations (*i.e. Diesel Fuel*), and reducing farm input costs.

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:

- Soil pH must be 5.6 or greater and soil fertility (*P and K*) in the medium range or higher.
- Fields under contract must not create an additional resource concern by winter feeding.

- If the field for which the practice is being requested is under contract for financial assistance for purchase of urea fertilizer under another program, that field is ineligible for this program.

Practice Specifications:

- WVCA standards and specifications must be followed.
- Tall fescue grass will respond well to extended grazing, so consider selecting fields for enrollment that have a greater fescue composition.
- Before stockpiling forage -harvest hay or graze the area to a height of 3-4 inches (*July 15th – August 15th*).
- One hundred (*100*) pounds of Urea (*46-0-0*) fertilizer or equivalent will be applied after livestock are removed and/or hay is cut. (*July 15th and August 15th*).
- All livestock must be removed, and no hay may be taken after *August 15th*.
- Acres used for *Winter Grazing* will be stockpiled from **August 15th** until all other pastures are utilized. (*Approximate date is December 1st*.)
- Do NOT begin grazing stockpiled forage in the fall until site visit has been completed.
- A rotational grazing system (*use of temporary fence*) is the recommended method to use your stockpiled field(s).
- Practice will be considered complete when stockpiled forage grazing has been accomplished.

Payment Rates and Limits:

- Cost share is available to landowner and/or farm operator (*lessee*).
- The maximum for reimbursement is up to \$20/acre for the purchase of urea (*46-0-0*) fertilizer up to \$1,000.00. (*50 acres*)
- The *Winter Grazing* area must be **set-up** and **functioning** by **December 3, 2021**.

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 **December 3, 2021** 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 *Winter Grazing* 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:** _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Date Received:	
Time Received:	