



FY23 Agricultural Enhancement Program Pollination (Honeybee Nucleus Colonies)



Applicant Information
Name:
Mailing Address:
Telephone:
Email Address:
Application Date:
What is your preferred method to receive written notification? Email/Letter
Do you own or lease the land associated with this application? Own/Lease
Do you have a financial interest in a farming entity with a WVCA employee working within Monongahela Conservation District? Yes/No
Are you a spouse or dependent family member of a WVCA employee? Yes/No
Do you have a financial interest in a farming entity with a Monongahela Conservation District Supervisor? Yes/No
Are you a spouse or dependent family member of a Monongahela Conservation District Supervisor? Yes/No

Farm Information
MONONGAHELA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
County Where Farm is Located:
Farm Name (Optional):
Farm #:
Tract #:
Field # or #'s:
Is the land associated with this application part of a farming operation? Yes/No
If yes, does the operation have the potential for producing \$1,000 in value from its products per year? Yes/No
What was the name and/or topic of the last conservation related educational event you attended? Name/topic of event:
Was the event attended prior to July 1, 2021? Yes/No
Is the project associated with this application part of another cost-share program for Nucleus Colonies? Yes/No
Have you completed a beekeeping course (<i>in past 10 years</i>) and/or are you a member of a local beekeeping organization? Yes/No

Best Management Practice		
BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate
Pollination (Honeybee Nucleus Colony)	2 -WVDA inspected nucleus colonies	75% up to a maximum of <u>\$200</u>

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*)
- Cost share is available to landowner and/or farm operator (*lessee*).

- 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.
- 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.
- Cooperators are limited to 2 approved applications and \$7,000.00 of assistance per fiscal year (*July 2022-June 2023*).
- Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and a ranking process.

Policies for Practice:

- 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.

Reimbursement Process:

- The payment will be approved as: 1. Receipts are received; 2. Verification form is signed; 3. District approves the payment.
- All receipts and forms are due to the Monongahela Conservation District Office by **May 26, 2023** otherwise payments may be delayed or even denied.

Application deadline is September 27, 2022 and must include the following:

- Cooperator Agreement (*if applicable*)
- Signed Practice Application Form
- IRS W-9 Form
- Farm map with individual fields and areas identified where the practice is proposed.
- Lease agreement, Producer Application Form, or USDA-FSA Annual Farm Report (*if applicable*).
- 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:	