



# FY23 Agricultural Enhancement Program Winter Grazing Application



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

Farm Information
<b>MONONGAHELA CONSERVATION DISTRICT</b>
<b>County Where Farm is Located:</b>
<b>Farm Name (Optional):</b>
<b>Farm #:</b>
<b>Tract #:</b>
<b>Field # or #'s:</b>
<b>Is the land associated with this application part of a farming operation? Yes/No</b>
<b>If yes, does the operation have the potential for producing \$1,000 in value from its products per year? Yes/No</b>
<b>What was the name and/or topic of the last conservation related educational event you attended?</b> Name/topic of event:
<b>Was the event attended prior to July 1, 2021?</b> Yes/No
<b>Are the fields associated with this application part of another cost-share program for Winter grazing? Yes/No</b>
<b>Are the fields associated with this application on a hay or pasture field? Yes/No</b>

Best Management Practice		
BMP	Criteria	Cost-Share Rate
<b>Winter Grazing</b>	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 <u>Medium</u>	<u>75%</u> of cost of urea ( <b>46-0-0</b> ) fertilizer up to <u>\$40.00</u> per acre  Not to exceed <u>\$2,000.00</u>

### 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)*
- 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:**

- 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:**

- State Conservation Committee approved standards and specifications will 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 15<sup>th</sup> – August 15<sup>th</sup>*).
- 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 15<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>*).
- All livestock must be removed, and no hay may be taken after *August 15<sup>th</sup>*.
- Acres used for *Winter Grazing* will be stockpiled from **August 15<sup>th</sup>** until all other pastures are utilized. (*Approximate date is December 1<sup>st</sup>.*)
- Do NOT begin grazing stockpiled forage in the fall until site visit has been completed.
- A rotational grazing system (*use of temporary fence*) is recommended on the stockpiled field(s).
- Practice will be considered complete when stockpiled forage grazing has been accomplished.
- The *Winter Grazing* project must be **completed** by **December 2, 2022**

**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 **December 2, 2022** otherwise payments may be delayed or even denied.

**Application deadline is **May 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.
- A current (*sampled in the past 3 years*) soil test result from an accredited laboratory for each field. Results are due no later than 2 weeks after application deadline.
- 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Date Received:	
Time Received:	