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FY24 Agricultural Enhancement Program Hay Re-Seeding Application

Sign-Up: May 1, 2023 – May 26, 2023

Priority

First
Second
Third

Applicant Information

Name:

Mailing
Address:

Telephone:

Email:

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 West Fork Conservation District? Yes/No

Are you a spouse or dependent family member of a WVCA employee working within West Fork Conservation District? Yes/No

Do you have a financial interest in a farming entity with a West Fork Conservation District Supervisor? Yes/No

Are you a spouse or dependent family member of a West Fork Conservation District Supervisor? Yes/No

Is the field associated with this application used to harvest hay? Yes/No

Farm Information

WEST FORK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Farm Location:

Harrison Doddridge Gilmer Lewis

Farm Name:

Farm #: Tract #:

Field #(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, 2022?

Yes/No

Is the hay re-seeding project associated with this application part of another cost-share program for frost seeding? Yes/No

Has the hay re-seeding been cost-shared by AgEP or another program in the past 5 years? 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	Details
Hay Re-Seeding	Hay Fields ONLY Minimum pH <u>6.0</u> Minimum Medium P and K	Up to <u>\$50/acre</u> Max of <u>25</u> acres and <u>\$1,250.00</u>	_____ acres	Approved seed mixes ONLY.

Program Eligibility

Definition

Forage re-seeding is the method of re-establishing adapted and/or compatible species, varieties, or cultivators of herbaceous species suitable for hay production.

Benefits

Hay Re-Seeding is used to improve or maintain livestock nutrition and health. It can provide increased forage supply during periods of low forage production. Re-seeding hay fields can reduce soil erosion and improve soil and water quality.

Program Policies

- Applicant must be a District Cooperator. (*Cooperator Agreement form is available upon request*)
- Applicants may be landowners or farm operators.
- Applicants that do not own the land associated with this application; additional paperwork is required. (*i.e. lease, Producer Information Form, FSA farm data report*).
- When a farm extends across district boundaries, the district where the farm taxes are paid is the district in which you will apply.
- 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.
- Applicant will not be eligible for program reimbursement if he/she starts project before District approval.
- The District cannot provide financial assistance when funding will be provided by other government (*federal or state*) source.
- Applicant must provide a map identifying tract and field numbers along with proposed acreage at the time of application. (*Maps can be obtained through the Farm Service Agency (FSA) or the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)*)
- Applicants are limited to two approved cost-share practices per fiscal year (*July-June*).
- Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and program ranking.
- All contract agreements must be completed, and receipts submitted by the deadline, or you may not be eligible to participate in the AgEP program the following year.

Practice Policies

- The District cannot provide financial assistance for a hay re-seeding project when previously cost-shared by government (*federal or state*) funds within the lifespan of the practice (*5 years*).
- Field must be used for hay production currently.
- Applicant must submit current soil sample results for each field no later than July 28, 2023. (*soil samples must have been taken on or after: 07/01/2020*).
- If pH is less than 6.0 for a field or P and K are less than a medium range, field is ineligible.
- Following District approval and signed agreement receipt, the practice must be completed by dates listed in “*Practice Specifications*” section.
- Receipts and any documented labor (paid or unpaid) must be submitted by 05/24/2023.

Reimbursement rates & limits

- The maximum cost-share for this practice will pay up to \$50 per acre not to exceed \$1,250.00
- Maximum of 25 acres per applicant per fiscal year.
- A copy or picture of seed label will be required to be considered for reimbursement.
- Practice must be complete, and paid receipts must be sent to the District office by the project deadline otherwise payments may be delayed or even denied. (*No extensions will be given*).
- The reimbursement will be made after paid invoices are received, cooperator completes a W-9 form, and WFCO approves your reimbursement.

Practice Specifications

- After approval, applicant must follow job sheets provided.
- Planting dates for the *Hay Re-Seeding* practice:
 - **Cool** season forages- August 15th – September 15th or March 15th to April 15th.
 - **Warm** season forages- April 1st – May 15th.
- Methods of seeding stands may be established either by conventional or no-till.

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

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____