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FY24 Agricultural Enhancement Program Nutrient Management 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

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

Are the fields associated with this application part of another cost-share program which includes Phosphorous and/or Potassium fertilizer? Yes/No

Are all fields associated with this application used as Pasture currently? 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
Nutrient Management (Commercial Fertilizer)	Not to exceed <u>20</u> acres. Phosphorous fertilizer ONLY.	<u>60%</u> of cost associated with the purchase of (18-46-0) or (0-46-0) fertilizers	_____ acres	Minimum pH of <u>6.0</u> Fertilizer rates/acre will be based on crop sufficiency recommendations

Program Eligibility

Definition

To apply commercial fertilizer to improve soil structure, soil tilth, reduce erosion, and improve plant productivity on pasture field(s). Pasture is defined as land that is fenced and used to grow forage for grazing livestock.

Benefits

Nutrient Management is used to budget and supply nutrients for plant production. This practice provides incentive for the maintenance of pasture fields, providing soil and watershed protection by increasing plant vigor and vitality. Therefore, aiding in the reduction of erosion on grassland.

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 cost-sharing assistance when a project will be cost-shared by other government (*federal or state*) funding.
- 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

- 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*).
- Following District approval and receipt of a signed agreement, the practice must be completed by **10/03/23**.
- Receipts must be submitted by **12/08/2023**.

Reimbursement rates & limits

- The cost-share rate for this practice is 60% of the costs associated with fertilizer purchases.
- Maximum of 20 acres per applicant per fiscal year.
- Total reimbursement will not exceed the expenses submitted at completion (*receipts*).
- 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 WFCD approves your reimbursement.

Practice Specifications

- State Conservation Committee approved standards and specifications must be followed.
- Recommendations for fertilizer rates will come from WVU Extension Service, Certified Soil Laboratory Results, or a WV Certified Nutrient Management Planner and follow crop sufficiency rates.
- Approved fertilizers are limited to (18-46-0), (0-46-0), or custom blended fertilizer. However, only the P component of the custom blend will be eligible for reimbursement.
- Recommended fertilizer rates must be applied according to job sheet to be considered complete.

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

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____