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FY26 Agricultural Enhancement Program Invasive Species Management Application

Priority
First
Second

Sign-Up: April 28, 2025 - May 9, 2025

Applicant Information			Farm Information		
Name:			WEST FORK CONSERVATION DISTRICT		
Mailing Address:				ddridge Gilmer Lewis	
			Farm Name:		
Telephone:			Farm #:	Tract #:	
Email:			Field(s) #:		
What is your preferred method to receive written notification? Email/Letter		1	Is the land associated with this application part of a farming operation? Yes/No		
Do you own or lease the land associated with this application? Own/Lease			If yes, does the operation have the potential for producing \$1,000 in value from its products per year? Yes/No		
Do you have a financial interest in a farming entity with a WVCA employee working within West Fork Conservation District? Yes/No			What was the name and/or topic of the last conservation related educational event you attended? Name/topic of event:		
Are you a spouse or dependent family member of a WVCA employee working within West Fork Conservation District? Yes/No			Was the event attended prior to July 1, 2025? 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			Is the area associated with this application part of another cost-share program for invasive species management? Yes/No Has the area to be treated been cost-shared by AgEP or another program in the past 10 years?		
West Fork Conservation District Supervisor? Yes/No			Yes/No		
	Best Ma	nagen	nent Practice		
Please complete th	e following information for a	he Be	st Management Pra	ctice you would like to apply for:	
BMP	Limits	C	Cost Share Rate	Invasive Species Present	
		50	0% cost share on		

Program Eligibility

commercial application & chemicals

75% cost share on chemicals if self-applied

Definition:

Invasive Species

Management

Management of invasive species on pasture and hay land using spray application.

Max payment of \$500.00

Purpose:

Provide incentive for the control of invasive species/noxious weeds on pasture and hay land.

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).
- Property must be used as a farming operation to be eligible for the program: having the potential for producing at least \$1,000 of farm products annually.
- When a farm extends across district boundaries, the district where the farm taxes are paid is the district in which you will apply.
- Applicant will not be eligible for program reimbursement if he/she starts project before District approval.
- The District cannot provide financial assistance when project funding will be provided by other government (federal or state) source.
- Applicant must provide an aerial map identifying proposed location at the time of application. (Maps can be obtained through the Farm Service Agency or the Natural Resources Conservation Service)
- 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 AgEP the following year.

Practice Policies

- The District cannot cost-share on *Invasive Species Management* when previously cost-shared by government funds within the lifespan of the practice (*I year*).
- Following District approval and signed agreement receipt, the practice must be completed by <u>05/22/2026</u>.
- Receipts and any documented labor (paid or unpaid) must be submitted by <u>05/22/2026</u>.

Reimbursement rates & limits

- The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be \$500.00.
- Cost-share rates for commercially applied chemical shall be 50%. (Applicator must have commercial applicators license).
- Cost-share rate for producers that self-apply shall be 75%. (50% on chemicals and 25% of chemical bill in labor, if self applied)
- Cost-share covers the costs associated with the purchase of chemicals and application of chemicals.
- Practice must be complete, and paid receipts must be sent to the District office by the project deadline (5/22/2026) otherwise payments may be delayed or even denied. (No extensions will be given).
- The reimbursement will be made after paid invoices are received, the cooperator completes a W-9 form, and WFCD approves your reimbursement.
- No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.

Practice Specifications

- USDA-NRCS standards and specifications must be followed.
- Please refer to job sheets provided at the time of signing of contract for recommendations.
- Cooperator must use the correct construction materials and amounts recommended to receive reimbursement.

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