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| Agricultural Enhancement ProgramDivision/Exclusion Fence Application **Monongahela Conservation District** |
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| 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 applied for | | Division Fence & Water/ Woods Exclusion Fence | Max. of 2,500 ft. of High Tensile or Barbed Wire.  Max. of 2,000 ft. of Woven Wire. | Flat rate payment of $1.65 per foot  Flat rate payment of $2.25 for woven wire | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Division Fence  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Water Exclusion  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Woods Exclusion | |
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| Program Eligibility |
| 1. **Definition** 2. A constructed barrier for animals. 3. **Purpose** 4. Reduce erosion and improve water quality by controlling livestock access to woodlands, streams, springs, wetlands, and ponds. 5. To divide fields to accomplish better pasture grazing management. 6. **Policies for Practice** 7. Applicant must be a District Cooperator. 8. A W-9 tax form will be required with application for District tax purposes. 9. Cost share is available to owner or lessee. 10. Care must be given to protect water quality during and after installation. 11. Height, size, spacing, and type of posts will be used that best provides the needs for the style of fence required. Fencing materials, type, and design of fence installed shall be of a high quality and durability. 12. The minimum on the division fence is two (2) strands of high tensile wire, both electrified, or four (4) strands of barbed wire fence. The minimum on the woodland exclusion or the stream exclusion is two (2) strands of high tensile wire also electrified. All fences must be of a permanent kind. 13. The maximum for reimbursement is $1.65 per foot with a cap of 2,500 feet of high tensile or barbed wire per applicant ($4,125.00) per fiscal year or $2.25 per foot woven wire, capped at 2,000 feet per applicant per fiscal year ($4,500.00). This practice is limited to respective feet of fence per fiscal year unless a variance is granted by the Monongahela Conservation District. 14. Landowner agrees to maintain this practice for a period of at least 20 years after the date of completion. 15. Fence construction must follow the recommendation of the USDA NRCS and/or the manufacture’s recommendations. 16. Livestock must be present on property or landowner must have livestock and have a need for more pasture, warrantying the need for fence, for there to be a resource concern that justifies this practice. 17. Fences must either completely exclude livestock from wooded areas or streams/ponds when the project is finished; even if the entire length is not cost shared through Ag Enhancement. The length under contract must follow NRCS specifications. 18. Fences must connect to another fence or boundary to make a completely fenced in paddock when project is finished; even if the entire length is not cost shared through Ag Enhancement. The length under contract must follow NRCS specifications. 19. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.   **Payment Rates and Limits:**   1. The maximum for reimbursement is $1.65 per foot with a cap of 2,500 feet of high tensile or barbed wire per applicant ($4,125.00) per fiscal year or $2.25 per foot woven wire, capped at 2,000 feet per applicant per fiscal year ($4,500.00). This practice is limited to respective feet of fence per fiscal year unless a variance is granted by the Monongahela Conservation District. 2. **The fence must be completed and functional by May 31, 2019\_.** 3. **Cooperator Requirements for Program Participation Consideration (must be submitted as a package)** 4. Applicant must be a District Cooperator 5. Practice Application Form 6. Farm map with individual fields and areas identified where the fence is proposed. 7. Lease agreement when applicable which is at least the length of the practice life (20 years). 8. Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and a ranking process. 9. After approval, the applicant must follow job sheets provided at the time of signing the contract. 10. **Payment Process** 11. The payment will be approved as: 1. Paid invoices are received; 2. the cooperator completes a W-9 form; 3. a verification visit is done; 4. a verification form is signed: 5. the District approves the payment. 12. **All invoices, a signed & dated W-9 and Program Cost Verification Forms must be received at the Monongahela Conservation District Office by May 31, 2018 otherwise payments may be delayed or even denied.** 13. **No contract extensions will be granted for any reason.** Contracts may be cancelled with notification to the Monongahela Conservation District in writing.  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **OFFICE USE ONLY:** | | | **Date Received:** |  | | **Time Received:** |  | | **Ranking Score:** |  | | **If Approved:** | | | **BD Date Approved:** |  | | **Contract Expiration Date:** |  | | **Application #:** |  | | **Verification #:** |  |   **Note:** The Monongahela Conservation District reserves the right to change policies and/or cost share rates during the fiscal year without notice. Any changes will not affect or change any agreements retroactively with the cooperator from the time the Conservation District approved their contract.  By signing this I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions stated in this document.  **Farm Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |