



# Agricultural Enhancement Program Summer Annual Seeding Application

Sign up period: November 30, 2020 – January 15, 2021

Applicant Information	Farm Information
<b>Name:</b>	Potomac Valley Conservation District
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	<b>County:</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>Farm Name:</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>	<b>Farm #:</b>
<b>Application Date:</b>	<b>Tract #:</b>
	<b>Field # or #'s:</b>

### 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
<b>Summer Annual Re-Seeding</b>	Hay or Pasture qualify. Min. pH of 5.6 Max of 50 acres	Flat Rate \$50 per acre Max \$2,500	_____ acres

### Program Eligibility

**A. Definition**

Summer annual forages are known for their remarkable ability to grow fast and produce several tons of forage in a short time period, even during periods of drought. Warm season growth compliments the dormant stage for cool season forages.

**B. Purpose**

The establishment of warm season annual seeding should occur on land that has been regularly fed on/sacrifice areas, pasture that needs maintenance, to control unwanted plant species, in preparation for pasture renovation, and/or to increase grazing potential on a farm that is predominantly cool season forages

**C. Policies for Practice**

1. Applicant must be a District Cooperator.
2. A W-9 tax form will be required with application for District tax purposes.
3. Cost share is available to owner or lessee.
4. Applicant must provide one of the following documents: Written lease for current time, Current Farm Service Agency Farm Data Report or WVCA Operator Form. This will describe who is the owner and/or lessee.
5. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field along with proposed acreage.
6. A current soil test within three (3) years for the field/s must be filed with the application to be eligible for sign up.
7. If pH is less than 5.6 for that field, it is ineligible.
8. Approvals will be final on **First Wednesday of February**.
9. Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the AEP Summer Annual Re-seeding ranking form.
10. Invoices must be submitted by **4pm on May 28, 2021**.

**D. Payment rates & limits:**

1. The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be **Flat Rate of \$50 per acre Max of \$2,500**.
2. Maximum of 50 acres per applicant per fiscal year (July to June).
3. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received and the AEP committee has made a site visit.
4. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.
5. Approved Summer Annual varieties are as follows:
  - a. Sorghum (forage), Sudangrass, Sorghum Sudangrass, Millet, Crabgrass, Teff., Cowpeas, Sunhemp, Brassicas, Sunflower, Clover, Annual Rye. Additionally, cool season forages will only be accepted if they are already in the seed mix and they do not make up the majority of the mix.

**E. Practice Specifications**

1. NRCS standards and specs must be followed.
2. After approval, applicant must follow job sheets provided at the time of signing the contract.
3. Methods of seeding stands may be established either by conventional or no till.
4. Lifespan of this practice is one (1) year.
5. **Fields approved for Summer Annual Seeding are not Eligible for Cover Crop Payments.**

OFFICE USE ONLY:	
<b>Date Received:</b>	
<b>Time Received:</b>	
<b>Ranking Score:</b>	
<b>If Approved:</b>	
<b>Bd Date Approved:</b>	
<b>Contract Exp. Date:</b>	
<b>Application #:</b>	
<b>Verification #:</b>	

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

Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_