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AGRICULTURE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

All Applications will be accepted for these practices
Monday, January 10, 2022 at 8 a.m. through Friday, February 4, 2022 at 4 p.m.

Funds are limited. Practices will be approved based on ranking and available funding.

Please see the enclosed application for more detailed information.



- **Lime:** Soil test analysis report is required. 50 % cost share up to \$20/ton. Not to exceed 75 acres per producer per fiscal year (July to June). Practices must be completed by **June 3, 2022**.



- **Hay and Pasture Reseeding:** Flat rate of \$65/acre. Eligible up to an accumulative of 50 acres of hay and pasture per year (July to June). Soil test analysis report are required to apply. Practices must be completed by **April 15, 2022**.



- **Frost-seeding:** Planting dates are by **March 15, 2022**. Pasture ground ONLY. Flat rate of \$20/ac. Legume seed ONLY. Producers are eligible for up to 25 acres. Soil test analysis report is required.

Please schedule an appointment to drop off your soil samples.

The last day to mail soil samples for the program is Friday, January 21, 2022.

This will allow enough time, for the results to be processed, returned and you will be able to apply for the programs.

Applications will NOT be accepted if there are not maps and soil samples attached to the applications.

CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM



- **Stream Protection (livestock exclusion):** Payment rates are by linear foot and/or square footage. Cost share is not to exceed \$8,000 per applicant per fiscal year. Livestock must have access to stream to qualify. Practices included are fencing, watering systems and stream crossing. Practices must be completed by Friday, June 3, 2022.
- **Rotational Grazing Fence (Fencing and watering trough):** Cost share is up to \$7,000 per applicant per fiscal year. Payment rates are by linear foot. Must have perimeter fence already installed to qualify. Must be building new interior fence, to start a rotational grazing system. Must have livestock to qualify. Practices included fencing, watering systems and pipeline. Practices must be completed by Friday, June 3, 2022.



Any producer that is interested in participating in these programs should contact **Barbie Elliott** at the EPCD office at **1-681-247-3012** or **belliott@wvca.us**

Applications will be accessible on our website under "District Programs" at **www.wvca.us/districts/epcd.cfm**

The office is open by appointment only. If you would like to make an appointment to sign up for the programs or drop off soil samples, please call to schedule an appointment. By scheduling an appointment, this allows safe social distancing and allows staff to sanitize office after each appointment for our safety, as well as yours.

FACE MASK WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER THE BUILDING.

Winter Ag. Educational Dinner Meetings



Thursday, January 13, 2022 – Farm financial Analysis

Speaker: Brian Wickline, WVUES

Thursday, March 10, 2022 – Grazing for Profitability

Speaker: Ben Goff, WVUES

LOCATION:

WVU Kearneysville Tree Fruit Research
& Education Center
67 Apple Harvest Drive
Kearneysville, WV 25430



During the month of February meetings will be held virtually. Information to be provided at a later date.
Webinars – 7 pm

Feb 3 Carbon Sequestration

Gabe Brown

Feb 10 Grazing High Elevation

Cooper Hibbard

Feb 17 Adaptive/intensive grazing

Alan Williams

Feb 24 Using Sheep and Goats to improve profitability

Brad Smith

All sessions with dinner at 6:30 p.m. with the educational program immediately after.
Call the Berkeley County Extension office to RSVP at 304-264-1936.

West Virginia



CENTURY
FARM

Program

The West Virginia Century Farm Program is designed to recognize those families who have been farming the same tract of land for at least 100 years. Century Farms, Sesquicentennial Farms, Bicentennial Farms and Sestercentennial Farms will be recognized. A Century Farm is one that has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 100 years. A Sesquicentennial Farm has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 150 years. A Bicentennial Farm has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 200 years, and a Sestercentennial Farm has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 250 years.

A family member must have lived on the farm or must have been an integral part of the day-to-day operation of the farm enterprise. The farm must consist of at least 10 acres of the original holdings and gross more than \$1,000 annually from farm products. Line of ownership from the first family member owning the land may be through wives, husbands, children, brothers, sisters, nephews, or nieces.

Applications are due to the EPCD office no later than February 1, 2022.

Please contact the office for an application form by calling (681) 247-3012 or by emailing **Barbie Elliott** at **bellott@wvca.us**

Forms can also be found at: <https://www.wvca.us/education/pdf/centuryFarmApp.pdf>

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE THROUGH WVACD!

The West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts awards eight \$1000 college scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan on majoring in an agriculture related field.

Students can submit applications to:

WVACD
ATTN: Scholarship
742 Airport Road
Sutton, WV 26601

—OR—

Email applications to:

Kelley Wayne
wvacd@wvca.us



APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS BY MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022!!

No exceptions! **DO NOT** send applications to the EPCD office.

Applications can be found at: www.wvca.us/education/college_scholarships.cfm

Return applications, soil test results and maps to:

Mail to: 151 Aikens Center Suite 2
Martinsburg, WV 25404
Email: belliott@wvca.us or epcd@wvca.us
Fax: 304-263-4986
Drop off at office in door slot.

FY 22 of Agricultural Enhancement Program Lime Application



Sign up period: Monday, January 10 through Friday, February 4, 2022.

Applicant Information		Farm Information	
Name:		Conservation District: Eastern Panhandle	
Mailing Address:		County:	
Telephone:		Farm # :	
Email Address:		Tract # :	
Application Date:		Field # or #'s:	
Does Tract have a current Conservation Plan: Yes No		Does Tract have a current WVDA or NRCS Nutrient Management Plan: Yes No	

Best Management Practice

Please complete the following information for the Best Management Practice you would like to apply for:

Please complete the following information for the Best Management Practices you would like to apply for:								
BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate	Amount Applying for :					
			Farm	Tract	Field	Acres	Ton/ac: per soil test	Total Lime:
Lime	Not to exceed 75 acres per producer per fiscal year (July to June). Must have <u>soil test analysis</u> less than (3) yrs. old.	50 % cost-share rate, Not to exceed \$20/ton. (delivery, bulk lime and spreading)						
			Total Acres :				Total Tonnage:	

Program Eligibility

A. Definition: Provide incentive for the maintenance of cropland, hayland, pastureland, vegetables and/or orchard.

B. Purpose

1. Provide soil and watershed protection by reducing erosion on cropland, hayland, pastureland, vegetables and/or orchard.
2. Help reduce water, air, or soil pollution from all non-point sources.

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 period, 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 report within three (3) years for the field/s must be submitted with the application to be eligible for sign up.**
7. Applications will be accepted from Monday, January 10, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. through Friday, February 4, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.
8. Approvals will be final on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, and will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking form.
9. Practice must be completed by Friday, June 3, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. NO EXTENSIONS.
10. Receipts must be sent to the District Office by Monday, June 6, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. NO EXTENSIONS.

D. Payment rates & limits:

1. The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be at a 50% rate not to exceed \$20 per ton.
2. There is a maximum of 75 acres per applicant, per fiscal year (July 2021 to June 2022) eligible to participate and no more than three (3) tons per acre of lime eligible for reimbursement.
3. Invoice must clearly state what lime, delivery and spreading costs were and producer must provide a copy of the lime weight tickets.
4. Lime product used must be registered by the WV Department of Agriculture. Please refer to the registered list at office.
5. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received and the AEP committee has made a site visit.
6. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.

E. Practice Specifications

1. Please refer to job sheets provided at the time of approval and signing of contract.
2. Lifespan of this practice is 3 years.

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

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

Revised: December 1, 2021

OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Date Received:	
Time Received:	
Ranking Score:	
If Approved:	
District Date Approved:	
Contract Expiration Date:	
Application #:	
Verification #:	

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FY 22 Agricultural Enhancement Program Frost Seeding Application

Sign up period: Monday, January 10 through Friday, February 4, 2022.



Applicant Information		Farm Information	
Name:		Conservation District: Eastern Panhandle	
Mailing Address:		County:	
Telephone:		Farm Name:	
Email Address:		Farm #:	
Application Date:		Tract #:	
		Field # or #'s:	
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	
Frost Seeding	Not to exceed 25 acres per applicant. <i>Pasture fields ONLY.</i> Soil test is required. Test must be no older than 3 yrs. old. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Field is ineligible if:<ul style="list-style-type: none">pH is 5.9 or less.P levels are either that number or below in the chart				Flat rate of \$20/ ac.		_____ acres Pasture	
Fertility Rating P or P ₂ O ₅	Mehlich 1 (VA Tech, old WVU, WVDA & Waters Agri. Lab)			Mehlich 3 (Waypoint, Brookside & Spectrum Labs)			WVU-M3	
	P - lbs./ac	P - PPM	P ₂ O ₅ - lbs./ac	P - lbs./ac	P - PPM	P ₂ O ₅ - lbs./ac	P - PPM	
	11 or less	5 or less	27 or less	40 or less	20 or less	92 or less	15 or less	

Program Eligibility

A. Definition : Frost seeding is an economical method of improving pasture fields by broadcasting the seed on frozen ground. As the ground freezes and thaws, it opens and closes allowing the seed to be incorporated into the soil. This keeps the seed from germinating until there is a good moisture supply early in the spring.

B. Purpose: Frost seeding legumes is increasingly being used to improve pasture yields or change forage species composition within the pasture. The advantages to frost seeding are the ability to establish forage in an undisturbed sod, a reduced need for labor and energy compared to conventional seeding methods, the ability to establish forages with minimum equipment investment, a shortened "non-grazing" period, and it is a method to maintain stands at productive levels with both grasses and legumes.

C. Policies for Practice:

- Applicant must be a District Cooperator.
- A W-9 tax form will be required with application for District tax purposes.
- Cost share is available to owner or lessee.
- NRCS standards and specs must be followed.
- Applicant must provide one of the following documents: Written lease for current time period, Current Farm Service Agency Farm Data Report or WVCA Operator Form. This will describe who is the owner and/or lessee.
- Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field along with proposed acreage.
- A current soil test within three (3) years for the field/s must be filed with the application to be eligible for sign up.
- If a fields' pH is 5.9 or less, it is ineligible.
- If a fields' P or P₂O₅ levels is/are less than the numbers stated above in the "Limits Section", it is ineligible.
- Applications will be accepted from Monday, January 10, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. through Friday, February 4, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.
- Approvals will be final on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.
- Approvals will be made upon availability of funds and score on the Frost Seeding ranking form.
- Must be planted by Tuesday, March 15 and invoices must be submitted by Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

D. Payment rates & limits:

- The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be up to 25 acres at a flat rate of \$20/acre on pasture fields only.
- The payment will be made after paid invoices are received, cooperator completes a W-9 form and the AEP committee has made a site visit.
- Producer will receive payment within 45 days after CD has approved payment at the monthly board meeting.
- No duplication of federal or state dollars shall be allowable.
- Lifespan of this practice is 1 year.

E. Seeding Specifications

- All seed must be free of prohibited noxious weed seed and have a minimum germination rate of 80%. If the grower elects to use home grown seed, it must be tested for purity, germination, and noxious weeds prior to seeding by a recognized seed laboratory.

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Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

Revised: December 2, 2021

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

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Chesapeake Bay Program Stream Exclusion Application

Sign up period: Monday, January 10 through Friday, February 4, 2022



Applicant Information		Farm Information				
Name:		Conservation District: Eastern Panhandle				
Mailing Address:		County:				
Telephone:		Farm #:				
Email Address:		Tract #:				
Application Date:		Field # or #'s:				
Please complete the following information for the Best Management Practice you would like to apply for:						
Practice	Limits	BMP	Cost-Share Rate	Applied Amount	Cost Share Estimate:	
Stream Exclusion (Fencing, Watering Systems, Stream Crossing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not to exceed \$8,000 per applicant per Fiscal year. Livestock must have access to the stream. O& M by landowner 10 yr. Agreement Minimum 10 feet from stream bank. 	Permeant Exclusion Fence:	\$1.98/ft.		\$	
		Pipeline:	Pipeline (Buried)	\$2.07/ft.		\$
			Pipeline (Surface)	\$1.16/ft.		\$
		Pumping Plant <=1.5 HP	\$1,750.90/ea.		\$	
		Water Source:	Watering Facility (2- or 4-hole trough)	\$1,132.42/ea.		\$
			Portable Watering Trough (100-500 gal.)	\$3.14/ gal.		\$
			Freeze Proof Hydrant	\$101.99/ea.		\$
			Heavy Use Area Protection (Only for hydrant or portable troughs use)	\$1.22/sq. ft.		\$
		Stream Crossing	\$5.74 sq. ft.		\$	
		May be changed after site visit has been made and a technician has approved the design.				

Program Eligibility

A. Definition: The permanent exclusion of animals from a stream.

B. Purpose: To restrict livestock or control access to an area. To maintain or improve the quantity and quality of natural resources and minimize liability and human health concerns.

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. Applications will be accepted from Monday, January 10, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. – Friday, February 4, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.
4. Cost share is available to owner or lessee.
5. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field along with proposed acreage.
6. Approvals will be final on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.
7. Approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking form.

D. Payment rates & limits:

1. Payment rates will be based on FY 21 USDA-NRCS EQIP rates. Please see cost share rates in chart above.
2. Maximum of \$8,000 per applicant per Fiscal year (July – June).
3. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.
4. Practice must be completed by Friday, June 3, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. NO EXTENSIONS.
5. Receipts must be sent to the District Office by Monday, June 6, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. NO EXTENSIONS.
6. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received and the AEP committee has made a site visit.
7. Producer will receive payment within 45 days after CD has approved payment at the monthly board meeting.

E. Practice Specifications

1. NRCS standards and specs must be followed to receive reimbursement.
2. Livestock must have access to stream and show a resource concern to qualify.
3. The stream must flow continually and not be an intermittent stream.
4. Life span of this practice is 10 years.

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Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Date Received:	
Time Received:	
Ranking Score:	
If Approved:	
District Bd Date:	
Application #:	
Verification #:	

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Chesapeake Bay Program

Rotational Grazing Fence Application

Sign up period: Monday, January 10 through Friday, February 4, 2022



Applicant Information	Farm Information
Name:	Conservation District: Eastern Panhandle
Mailing Address:	County:
Telephone:	Farm #:
Email Address:	Tract#:
	Field # or #'s

Best Management Practice

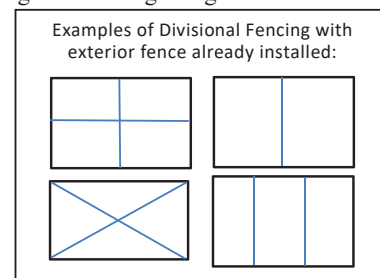
Please complete the following information for the Best Management Practice you would like to apply for:

Practice	Limits	BMP	Individual BMP with Cost-Share Rates		Amount applied for	
Divisional (interior) Fence And Watering Troughs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval Not to exceed \$7,000 per applicant per Fiscal year. <u>Livestock must graze in the proposed field to qualify.</u> <u>Border Fence of proposed field must already be installed.</u> 	Fence:	Temp. Fence with charger	\$0.36/ft.		\$
			Temp. Fence without charger	\$0.18/ft.		\$
			Interior Fence	\$1.60/ft.		\$
		Pipeline:	Pipeline (Buried)	\$2.07/ft.		\$
			Pipeline (Surface)	\$1.16/ft.		\$
			Pumping Plant <=1.5 HP	\$1,750.90/ea.		\$
		Water Source:	Watering Facility	\$1,132.42/ea.		\$
			Portable Watering Trough (100-500 gal.)	\$3.14/ gal.		\$
			Freeze Proof Hydrant	\$101.99/ea.		\$
			Heavy Use Area Protection for hydrant or portable troughs	\$1.22/sq. ft.		\$

May be changed after site visit has been made and a technician has approved the design.

Program Eligibility

- A. Definition:** A constructed barrier to control movement of livestock.
- B. Purpose:** To improve distribution and timing of livestock grazing. Facilitate handling, movement and feeding livestock in a pasture environment. To divide pasture fields for better grazing management such as prevent overgrazing and allow grass growth.
- 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. Applications will be accepted from January 10, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. - February 4, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.
 4. Cost share is available to owner or lessee.
 5. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field along with proposed acreage.
 6. NRCS standards and specs must be followed.
 7. Producer must follow a grazing plan after completion.
 8. Approvals will be final on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.
 9. Approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking form.
 10. Practice must be completed by Friday, June 3, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. NO EXTENSIONS.
 11. Receipts must be sent to the District Office by Monday, June 6, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. NO EXTENSIONS.



D. Payment rates & limits:

1. Payment rates will be based on FY 21 USDA-NRCS EQIP rates. Reimbursements are based on the cost share rates as stated above.
2. Maximum of \$7,000 per applicant per Fiscal year (July – June).
3. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.
4. Practice must be complete, and receipts must be sent to the District Office by the project deadline. **No extensions will be given.**
5. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received and the AEP committee has made a site visit.
6. Producer will receive payment within 45 days after CD has approved payment at the monthly board meeting.

E. Practice Specifications

1. Please refer to job sheets provided at the time of approval and signing of contract.
2. Applicant must follow a rotational grazing plan after installation of practice.
3. Life span of this practice is 10 years.

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Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:	
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Time Received:	
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If Approved:	
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FY 22 Agricultural Enhancement Program Pasture Re-Seeding Application

Sign up period: Monday, January 10 through Friday, February 4, 2022



Applicant Information		Farm Information	
Name:		Conservation District: Eastern Panhandle	
Mailing Address:		County:	
Telephone:		Farm Name:	
Email Address:		Farm #:	
Application Date:		Tract #:	
		Field # or #'s:	

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
Pasture Re-Seeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Producers are eligible up to an accumulative of 50 acres of hay and pasture per fiscal year (July to June). Must have soil tests less than three (3) yrs. old. Field is ineligible if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pH is 5.9 or less. P levels are either that number or below in the chart: 	Flat Rate of \$65/acre	_____ acres Pasture
Fertility Rating	Mehlich 1 (VA Tech, old WVU, WVDA & Waters Agri. Lab)	Mehlich 3 (Waypoint, Brookside & Spectrum Labs)	WVU-M3
P or P ₂ O ₅	P - lbs./ac	P - PPM	P - PPM
	11 or less	5 or less	27 or less
		40 or less	20 or less
		92 or less	15 or less

Program Eligibility

A. Definition

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

B. Purpose

Forage re-seeding is important to improve or maintain livestock nutrition and/or health. It can provide or increase forage supply during periods of low forage production. Also, by reseeded pasture it can reduce soil erosion and improve soil and water quality. Optimal planting dates are March 15 through April 15, 2022.

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 period, 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 a fields' pH is 5.9 or less, it is ineligible.
8. If a fields' P or P₂O₅ levels is/or are less than the numbers stated above in the "Limits Section", it is ineligible.
9. Applications will be received starting Monday, January 10, 2022, at 8 am through Friday, February 4, 2022, at 4 pm.
10. Approvals will be final on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.
11. Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the AEP Forage Re-seeding ranking form.
12. Practice must be completed by Friday, April 15, 2022. Invoices must be submitted by Monday, April 18, 2022.

D. Payment rates & limits:

1. The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be at a flat rate of \$65 per acre.
2. Maximum of 50 acres between hay and pasture ground 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.

E. Practice Specifications

1. NRCS standards and specs must be followed. (Table 1: Seed Mixtures and Rates Per Acre)
2. After approval applicant must follow job sheets provided at the time of signing the contract.
3. Lifespan of this practice is 2 years.

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

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

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FY 22 Agricultural Enhancement Program Hay Re-Seeding Application

Sign up period: Monday, January 10 through Friday, February 4, 2022.



Applicant Information		Farm Information	
Name:		Conservation District: Eastern Panhandle	
Mailing Address:		County:	
Telephone:		Farm Name:	
Email Address:		Farm #:	
Application Date:		Tract #:	
		Field # or #'s:	

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		
Hay Re-Seeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Producers are eligible up to an accumulative of 50 acres of hay and pasture per fiscal year (July to June). Must have soil test results less than three (3) yrs. old. Field is ineligible if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pH is 5.9 or less P and K levels are that number or below in the chart: 			Flat Rate of \$65/acre	_____ acres Hayland		
Fertility Rating	Mehlich 1 (VaTech, old WVU, WVDA & Waters Agri. Lab)			Mehlich 3 (Waypoint, Brookside & Spectrum Labs)			WVU-M3
P or P ₂ O ₅	P - lbs./ac	P - PPM	P ₂ O ₅ - lbs./ac	P - lbs./ac	P - PPM	P ₂ O ₅ - lbs./ac	P - PPM
	11 or less	5 or less	27 or less	40 or less	20 or less	92 or less	15 or less
K or K ₂ O	K - lbs./ac	K - PPM	K ₂ O - lbs./ac	K - lbs./ac	K - PPM	K ₂ O - lbs./ac	K - PPM
	75 or less	37 or less	91 or less	106 or less	53 or less	123 or less	45 or less

Program Eligibility

A. Definition: Forage re-seeding is the method of re-establishing adapted and/or compatible species, varieties, or cultivators of herbaceous species suitable for hayland.

B. Purpose: Forage re-seeding is important to improve or maintain livestock nutrition and/or health. It can provide or increase forage supply during periods of low forage production. Also, by reseeding hayland it can reduce soil erosion and improve soil and water quality. Optimal planting dates are March 15 through April 15, 2022.

C. Policies for Practice

- Applicant must be a District Cooperator.
- A W-9 tax form will be required with application for District tax purposes.
- Cost share is available to owner or lessee.
- 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.
- Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field along with proposed acreage.
- A current soil test within three (3) years for each field/s must be filed with the application to be eligible for sign up.
- If a fields' pH is 5.9 or less, it is ineligible.
- If a fields' P or P₂O₅ and K or K₂O levels is/or are less than the numbers stated above in the "Limits Section", it is ineligible.
- Applications will be received starting Monday, January 10, 2022, at 8 am through Friday, February 4, 2022, at 4 pm.
- Approvals will be final on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.
- Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the AEP Forage Re-seeding ranking form.
- Practice must be completed by Friday, April 15, 2022. Invoices must be submitted by Monday, April 18, 2022.

D. Payment rates & limits

- The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be at a flat rate of \$65 per acre.
- Maximum of 50 acres between hay and pasture ground per applicant per fiscal year (July to June).
- The payment will be made after paid invoices are received and the AEP committee has made a site visit.
- No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.

E. Practice Specifications

- NRCS standards and specs must be followed. (Table 1: Seed Mixtures and Rates Per Acre)
- After approval applicant must follow job sheets provided at the time of signing the contract.
- Lifespan of this practice is 2 years.

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

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

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EPCD AND WVACD PHOTO CONTEST *Winners*

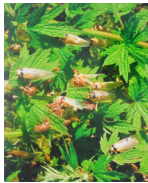
EPCD District Level: YOUTH



1st Place Overall:
Matthew Simpson
"Sunset"

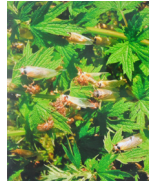


2nd Place Overall:
Ksusha Lowry-Neufeld
"Sprouting Pumpkin Plants"



3rd Place Overall:
Matthew Simpson
"Cicadas"

WVACD State Level: YOUTH



1st Place Overall:
Matthew Simpson
"Cicadas"



2nd Place Overall:
Ksusha Lowry-Neufeld
"Sprouting Pumpkin Plants"



EPCD District Level: ADULT



1st Place Overall:
Rick Linton
"Caterpillar"



2nd Place Overall:
Mildred Hammond
"God's Promise"



3rd Place Overall:
Mildred Hammond
"Honey Bees"

POSTER CONTEST *Winner*



1st Place:
Matthew Simpson
7th-9th grade



The poster contest features the National Association of Conservation Districts Stewardship Theme each year as the basis for the poster contest. For 2021, the theme was titled, words "Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities".

STATE LEVEL RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

EPCD received the Conservation District of the Year Award

presented by the WVACD. This award recognizes a district with outstanding conservation education efforts of conservation districts.

Honorary Members:

Honorary Membership is awarded to a conservation district supervisor that has proven their dedication to soil and water conservation in West Virginia.

EPCD nominated George Mickey, Jefferson County, WV

Supervisor Length of Service:	5 years	Nancy Lutz, Jefferson County
	10 years	Daniel Lutz, Jefferson County
		Robert Dunham, Morgan County

2021 West Virginia Farm Conservation of the Year Award

Runner Up: Antram Farm: Randall and Shelley Brock and Family



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(681) 247-3010

Antram Farm
233 Antram Farm Lane
Hedgesville, WV 25427
(304) 702-0296

EQUIPMENT RENTAL & TESTING SERVICES



Haybuster Model 107
10-foot no-till drill
\$15.00 per acre
\$50.00/day after 48 hours
Minimum 50 hp tractor



I & J Roller Crimper
\$50 per day
Minimum 100 hp tractor



Grass Works
Weed Wiper
\$50.00/day



New Holland 165
Manure Spreader
\$10.00 per load
\$80.00 per day
Minimum 55 hp tractor



BBI Poultry Litter Spreader
\$10.00 per load
\$80.00 per day
Minimum 85 hp tractor



Stoltzfus 5 Ton Lime Spreader
\$10.00 per load
\$80.00 per day
Minimum 55 hp tractor

Forage Testing : 60/40% Cost Share

(Most commonly used packages: see office for more options)

Package 1: Forage NIR Prime \$25: DM, CP, SP, RDP, ADICP, NDICP, est. lysine & methionine, ADF, aNDF, lignin, starch, WSC, ESC (simple sugars), NFC, fat, TFA, RUFAL, ash, RFV, RFQ (with 48hr NDFD), MILK2006 values, TDN, NEI, NEm, NEg, ME, DE, Ca, P, Mg, K, S, Cl.

Package 2: Grain NIR \$19: DM, CP, SP, RDP, ADICP, NDICP, est. lysine & methionine, ADF, aNDF, lignin, starch, NFC, fat, ash, TDN, NEI, NEm, NEg, ME, DE, Ca, P, Mg, K, S.

Soil Testing: Various options available.

Contact Barbie Elliott for more information at (681) 247- 3012.

There is a \$80 delivery and \$80 pickup fee for all equipment!

There is a \$250 fee for returned equipment that has not been greased and cleaned!

Bring own hitch pin/hitch for all equipment!

2022 Appalachian Grazing Conference

"Managing Water and Grasslands"



March 10-12, 2022

Morgantown (WV) Marriott at Waterfront Place Hotel

for Lodging, call: 1-800-630-2547 or 304-296-1700

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Greg Judy



ONLINE REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED

Mr. Judy, of Green Pastures Farm, is eager to share his two decades of farming and grazing management experience to help others. He often gives talks on leasing land, multi-species grazing, custom grazing, agroforestry and wildlife management.

Visit our website:

www.wvagc.com



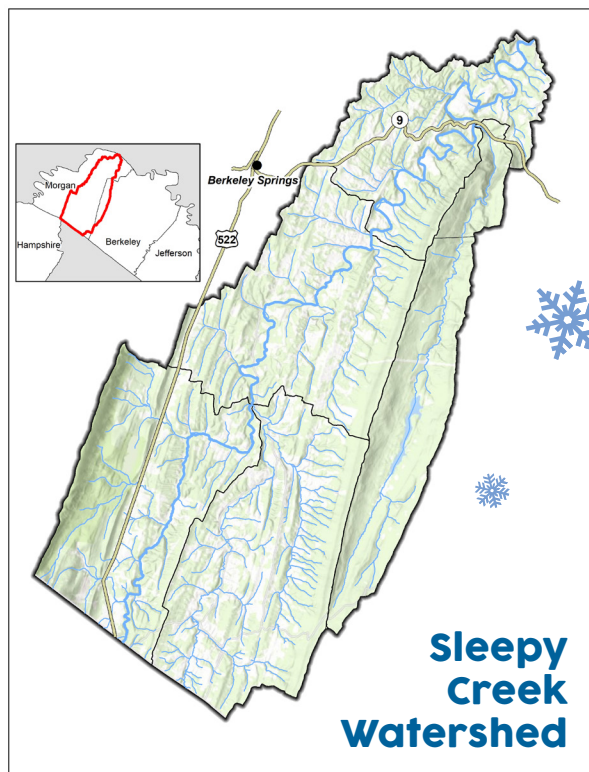
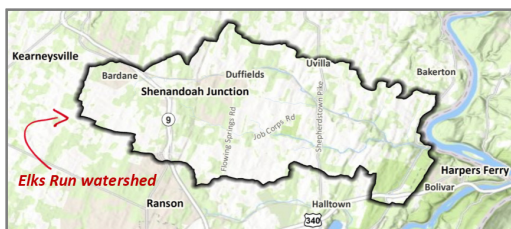
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FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR



The EPCD has limited funding available for the repair or replacement of failing septic systems in the Elks Run watershed in Jefferson County and the Sleepy Creek watershed in Morgan County. This cost-share program will provide up to \$7,000 towards the cost of repair after the homeowner's initial payment of \$500. The homeowner is also responsible for the amount exceeding \$7,500 if the total cost of repair goes that high. Applications are approved on a first come, first served basis. If you think your septic system is not working properly, contact us today to find out if you fall within one of these watersheds and qualify. Funding is also available for septic pumping in the Sleepy Creek watershed and in Jefferson County. The EPCD will reimburse 50% of the cost of pumping up to \$150, but you must be approved before you can get your septic pumped. Contact:

Kristen Bisom
kbisom@wvca.us
681-247-3011



**Sleepy
Creek
Watershed**



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SEARCH FOR EPCD SUPERVISORS

The Eastern Panhandle Conservation District operates by a board of publicly elected nonpartisan supervisors that make decisions on the expenditure of funds and approval of programs, among other day to day operations. Each county automatically is allowed two supervisors and for those counties over 100,000 in population an additional supervisor may be elected. EPCD board of supervisor meetings are held monthly in the USDA Conference Room located beside the office. Occasional meetings are also held during the month, along with various travel requirements. Qualifications include:



- Reside in the county in which he or she is running
- Must be an active farmer (grossing \$1,000 or over) for five (5) years or retired farmer who has had five (5) years of experience
- Serve the term of the position for a total of four (4) years
- Have a strong working interest in the conservation of natural resources

For more information on how to become a supervisor, please contact a current supervisor in your county or call the EPCD office. To file for candidacy, contact your county clerk. Filing periods are from January 10-January 29, 2022.

"The West Virginia Conservation Agency (WVCA) prohibits discrimination and harassment of any type without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability status, genetics, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws."