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Western Conservation District

West Virginia Conservation Districts with assistance from the West Virginia Conservation Agency

AgEP's mission is to assist the agricultural cooperators of West Virginia Conservation Districts with the voluntary implementation of best management practices (BMPs) on agricultural lands in order to conserve and improve land and water quality.

The program offers technical and financial assistance as an incentive to implement suggested best management practices. The intent of AgEP is to be a simple, user-friendly program in order to encourage participation. Overall program primary objectives include the reduction of nutrients and sediment from entering the waters of the State and increasing farm profitability and sustainability. Each conservation district has the ability to modify the program to address specific agricultural issues in its area.

Approved Practices  
2023

1. Agricultural Lime
  2. Cover Crop
  3. Exclusion Fence
  4. Pasture Division Fence
  5. Frost Seeding
  6. Pollinator Habitat
  7. Water Systems
- ⇒ Limit of two practices per year.
- ⇒ If more than one practice, let us know which one is priority.
- ⇒ \$4,000 combined limit per year.



**Applications Available**  
**May 1– May 31, 2022**  
**On line [www.wvca.us/district/wcd](http://www.wvca.us/district/wcd)**

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Guidelines for Participation

- ▶ Land must be engaged in the production of agricultural products.
- ▶ All AgEP practices are limited by available funds
- ▶ All practices must be completed by the stated deadline. Please note deadline for your practice.
- ▶ A maximum combined cost share of \$4,000 per cooperator per calendar year from the date of application.
- ▶ Soil tests are encouraged on all practices. Soil test report is required for practices of lime and frost seeding. WVU lab preferred. No charge for test except cost of mailing samples.

**APPLY BY MAIL OR EMAIL**

Drop Off or Pick Up Applications at:

Entrance of NRCS Office

Mason County & Western CD      304-675-3054  
224C First Street, Point Pleasant      Folder on Porch

Jackson County NRCS      304-372-6231 x3  
2118 Ripley Rd, Ripley      Mailbox at Side of Building

Putnam County landowners have the option to sign up in Mason or Jackson Counties.

[WCD@wvca.us](mailto:WCD@wvca.us)

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# Agriculture Enhancement Program (AgEP) Approved Practices for Mason, Putnam and Jackson Counties

## Lime

**Benefits:** The application of bulk agricultural lime only. Lime distributor must have registered with the WV Department of Agriculture.

**Limits:** Pasture or Meadow only.

- Not to exceed 50 acres per farm per year
- Acreage previously limed will not be eligible for two years with new soil test requirement.

**Cost Share Rate:**

- Up to \$21 per ton / 2 tons per acre (includes purchase and delivery)
- Soil pH of below 6.0 from a current soil test
- A current soil test is a test less than two years old
- Maximum cost share of \$2,100
- Receipts Required
- Must be completed by May 31st

## Pollinator Habitat

**Benefits:** Provide food and habitat for pollinators to help them thrive.

**Limits:**

- 1/2 acre maximum
- Completed by May 31st

**Cost Share Rate:**

- \$200 flat rate
- Receipts Required
- Must be completed by May 31st

## Frost Seeding

**Benefits:** Reduce erosion.

**Limits:**

- 50 Acres Max
- Soil pH 5.8 or greater
- Must seed between February 1st to March 1st
- Pasture or Meadow Only

**Cost Share Rate:**

- \$20.00 per acre
- Not to exceed \$1,000.00
- Receipts Required
- Must be completed by March 15th

## Cover Crop

**Benefits:** The coverage practice of growing a crop of grass, small grain or legumes is primarily for seasonal protection and soil improvement.

**Limits:**

- 50 Acres
- Must be terminated, plowed under or grazed after March 1st.
- Will not pay for crop harvested as grain.
- Practice must be planted by November 15th

**Cost Share Rate:**

- \$30 per acre flat rate
- Not to exceed \$1,500

## Fence (Division & Exclusion)

**Benefits:** Division Fence, when properly constructed and maintained allows producers to efficiently rotate pasture thus reducing erosion and increasing pasture health.

Exclusion Fencing is used to exclude animals, people, or vehicles from an area, usually streams or forestland.

**Limits:**

- \$4,000 per contract
- Must have serviceable boundary fence
- Sufficient number of livestock must be present at least five months out of the year
- Land must be engaged in the production of agriculture products.
- Must be completed by May 31st

**Cost Share Rate:**

- \$1.50 linear foot
- Not to exceed a total length of 2665 feet

## Water Development

**Benefits:**

A watering facility is a device (tank, trough, or other watertight container) to provide water for livestock.

**Limits:**

- Sufficient number of livestock must be present at least five months out of the year
- Land must be engaged in the production of agriculture products.
- Must be completed by May 31st.

**Cost Share Rate:**

- Not to exceed \$4,000

**Flat Rate per practice:**

- Spring Development: \$950
- Pond: \$2,500
- Cistern: \$1,400
- Water Well: \$11.00/per ft.
- Pump: \$700
- Pipeline: \$1.90/foot
- Trough: \$800
- Roof Runoff Management
- Gutters \$3.25      Downspouts \$3.45