



West Virginia
Conservation Agency

TVCD Agricultural Enhancement Program

FY23 Application

Applications accepted Monday April 18, 2022 through Friday
May 20, 2022

APPLICANT INFORMATION	OFFICE USE ONLY
Name:	Date Received:
Mailing Address:	Time Received:
Telephone:	Farm Map:
Email Address:	Soil Samples: Date Taken:
Application Date:	Contract Expiration Date:
Tygart's Valley Conservation District:	Ranking Score:
County:	Verification # Application #

<u>Cooperator/ Applicant Questions</u>		
Are you a Conservation District Cooperator?	Yes	No
Will the property associated with your application be part of a farming operation? (Production of food, feed, or fiber)	Yes	No
If yes, does the farming operation have the potential to generate \$1,000.00 of gross income annually?	Yes	No
Are you the landowner and or operator of the farm? List others with control of the property/operation (ex. Spouse, relative or business partner) _____	Yes	No
Does a current conservation plan completed by a certified planner or trained technician exist for the land/practice being requested?	Yes	No
Does a current nutrient management plan completed by a certified planner or trained technician exist for the land/practice being requested? (within 3 years)	Yes	No
Does a forest stewardship plan exist for the land/practice being requested? (within last 10 years)	Yes	No
If yes, was the plan completed by a registered forester?	Yes	No
Is the land enrolled in the USDA Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program?	Yes	No
Is there a comprehensive nutrient management plan completed by a certified planner?	Yes	No

Have you attended any conservation related events in the past 12 months? (Eat & Reap, Small Farms Conference, TVCD Workshops/ Field Days) If yes, please list: _____	Yes	No
Are you a TVCD District Supervisor or relative (spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law)? If yes, please list: _____	Yes	No
Are you a West Virginia Conservation Agency employee or relative (spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law)? If yes, please list: _____	Yes	No
Are you a TVCD District employee or relative (spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law)? If yes, please list: _____	Yes	No

Best Management Practices

Please complete the following information for the **TWO** Best Management Practices you would like to apply for.

Heavy Use Area Protection	Use of gravel and geotextile fabric. Maximum of \$1,100.00 or 1,000 square feet	\$1.10 per Square Foot Not to exceed 1,000 square feet	Farm# _____
			Tract# _____
			Field# _____

Definition:

- The stabilization of area frequently and intensively used by animals and/or vehicles by surfacing with suitable materials. The base shall be either gravel, crushed stone, or geotextile to provide the site with a need for increased load bearing strength, drainage, separation of material, or soil reinforcement.

Purpose:

- Reduce soil erosion
- Improve water quantity and quality, aesthetics and/or livestock health.
- Can be used for the following: Livestock watering areas, livestock trails and walkways, loading and unloading areas and/or post harvesting areas.

Completion Date & Payment:

- **January 6, 2023** practice must be completed, and invoices must be submitted.
- Cost share will pay \$1.10 per square foot up to 1,000 square feet.
- Maximum of \$1,100.00 per applicant.
- **NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN**

Lime	Not to exceed 50 acres. Cover payments only for Registered State Ag Lime. Lime certification must accompany receipt.	50% cost share up to \$20.00 a ton Registered Ag Lime, trucking and spreading. Minimum 1 Ton / Maximum 2 Tons Maximum reimbursement of \$2,000.00	Farm #

			Tract#

			Field#

Definition:

- To improve soil structure, soil tilth, reduce erosion, and increase the production of grassland.

Purpose:

- Provide incentive for the maintenance of pasture, cropland, or hay land.
- Provide soil and watershed protection by increasing plant vigor and vitality therefore aiding in the reduction of erosion on grassland.

Completion Date & Payment:

- **January 6, 2023**, practice must be completed, and invoices must be submitted.
- The maximum cost share for this practice shall be 50% cost share up to \$20.00 a ton not to exceed 100 tons.
- Maximum of 50 acres per applicant.
- **NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN**

Pollination (Pollinator Habitat)	Not to exceed 10,890 Square Feet (1/4 acre)	50% Cost Share on the purchase of seed. Not to exceed \$200.00	Farm #

			Tract#

			Field#

Definition:

- The area will be seeded and maintained in permanent vegetative cove to enhance wildlife habitat and pollinator habitat.

Purpose:

- Increase habitat for native and managed pollinators.

Completion Date & Payment:

- **January 6, 2023**, practice must be completed, and invoices must be submitted.
- 100% cost share will be provided to purchase the seed for a pollinator planting.
- Maximum of \$200.00 per applicant.
- **NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN**

Pollination (Honey Bee Nucleus Colony)	Two 5-frame honeybee nucleus colonies w/ new queen	75% cost share on the purchase of nuc colonies. Not to exceed \$200.00	Farm #
			Tract#
			Field#

Definition:

- Pollination practices establish new pollinator habitat, manage/improve existing habitat, and increase healthy pollinator populations.

Purpose:

- Maintaining healthy pollinator habitats can improve water quality, provide habitat for other wildlife, and help stabilize and build soil structure. Pollinators will be able to provide the service they offer to crops that depend on them to produce fruits, vegetables, and nuts.

Honey Bee Nucleus Colony Specifications

- Nuc must be sourced from West Virginia.
- Nuc must be pre-inspected by WVDA.
- Nuc must be at least 5 frames.
- Honey and Pollen must be provided with the nuc.
- Nuc must contain a new queen.
- All State and local laws must be followed while transporting honeybees.
- All State and local laws must be followed while operating an apiary. Such laws would include but are not limited to registration and inspection of hives.

Completion Date & Payment:

- **June 2, 2023**, practice must be completed, and invoices must be submitted.
- 75% cost share will be provided for purchase of honeybee nucleus colonies.
- Maximum of \$200.00 per applicant.
- **NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN**

Roof Run Off Management	Max Cost Share w/o fascia board \$2,000.00 Or Max Cost Share w/ fascia board \$2,500.00	Gutters with downspouts \$4.13/ft Gutters, Downspouts, w/fascia board \$6.68/ft Unground Outlet \$7.93/ft. Concrete Slab \$4.83/sq.ft.	Farm #
			Tract#
			Field#

Definition:

- A Structure that will collect, control, and convey precipitation runoff from an agriculture structure.

Purpose:

- Protect surface water quality by excluding roof runoff from contaminated areas.
- Protect a structure foundation from water damage or soil erosion form excess water runoff.
- Increase infiltration of runoff water.
- Capture water for other uses.

Completion Date & Payment:

- **January 6, 2023**, practice must be completed, and invoices must be submitted.
- Maximum of \$2,000.00 without fascia or \$2,500.00 with fascia board per applicant.
- **NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN**

Urban and Community Agriculture	Max cost share of \$525.00 annually per cooperator	75% Cost Share Not to exceed \$525.00	Farm #
			Tract#
			Field#

Please select from the options below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bluebird boxes | <input type="checkbox"/> Polywire fencing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cold frames and hot beds | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain barrel or rain barrel kits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Composters or Compost | <input type="checkbox"/> Raised garden bed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cover crops for high tunnels | <input type="checkbox"/> Shade cloth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape fabric | <input type="checkbox"/> Stakes and trellises |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low tunnel | <input type="checkbox"/> Straw mulch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mulching | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban deer fence |

Definition:

- All Best Management Practices (BMP) must be purchased materials to construct a raised bed. BMPs are intended to address soil erosion and other related programs.

Purpose:

- Aid urban landowners that are interested in agricultural practices.
- Rural landowners will not be excluded, providing soil and watershed protection by storm water management and soil erosion reduction, and encourage locally grown foods.

Completion Date & Payment:

- **January 6, 2023** practice must be completed, and invoices must be submitted.
- Maximum of \$525.00 per household per year.
- **NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN**

Policies for Practices:

1. Applicant must be a district cooperator.
2. A W-9 tax form is required with application for District tax purposes.
3. Cost share is available to owner or lessee.
4. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field along with proposed acreage.
5. NRCS standards and specs must be followed.
6. Approvals should be completed by **August 5, 2022.**
7. Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking forms.
8. After approval applicant must follow job sheets provided at the time of signing the contract.
9. I agree to all screening and ranking tools used by the district.
10. Application will be declined, if applicant's intentions of completed activities are inconsistent with respect to the definition and/or purpose of the practice(s) that are being applied for.
11. When an applicant cancels project without approval from the TVCD board of supervisors, that applicant and/or property will be not permitted to participate in the Agricultural Enhancement Program for the upcoming fiscal year.

12. Individuals who lease government owned land (federal, state, county, or city) may only apply for cost share assistance for best management practices (BMP) whose lifespans are equal to or less than the number of years on the lease agreement. These practices are limited to Lime.
13. A cooperator will be forgiven for not completing an AgEP practice after one year. At this point, the cooperator will be eligible to earn points for completion related questions on ranking/screening forms.
14. A District Cooperator may only apply for two AgEP Cost-share practice per fiscal year not to exceed \$4,000.00.
15. Cooperators with past due (more than 30 days) accounts with the Tygarts Valley Conservation District will not be eligible to participate in the Ag Enhancement program until each past due bill is paid in full.
16. Any cooperator participating in the Ag Enhancement Program must register his/her farm with the Farm Service Agency prior to applying for the program.

Payment Rates and Limits:

1. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received, cooperator completes a W-9 form and the Conservation Specialist has made a site visit.
2. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.
3. Practice must be completed, and receipts must be sent to the District Office by the project deadline.
4. **NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN.**
5. Total reimbursement will not exceed the total cost based on receipts submitted.

Practice Specifications

1. Please refer to job sheets provided at the time of approval and signing of contract.
2. Heavy Use Area Protection only covers the use of gravel/stone and geotextile.
3. Lime payments will be on **Registered Agricultural Lime only.**
4. Lime receipts must have a certification stamp.
5. Urban Agriculture **MUST** serve an agriculture need. Rain Barrels will not be reimbursed if it does not provide for a garden or other agricultural area.

Farm Name (if applicable):

_____ I have attached my up-to-date soil sample(s). The soil sample name corresponds to a field on the map.

_____ I have **not** attached my up-to-date soil sample(s). I would like TVCD to search their database.*

_____ I have attached my farm map from FSA. The soil sample name corresponds to a field on the map.

_____ I have **not** attached my farm map(s) from FSA. I would like TVCD to search their database.*

*If farm maps and/or soil samples are not found in the TVCD database, your application will be deemed ineligible. We strongly recommend attaching your own copy of soil samples and/or maps to this application.

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

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

We will not accept applications postmarked after May 20, 2022.

Tygarts Valley Conservation District
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