



# Northern Panhandle Conservation District Agricultural Enhancement Program



Applicant Information		Farm Information	
<b>Full Name:</b>		<b>Conservation District: Northern Panhandle CD</b>	
<b>Mailing Address:</b>		<b>Farm Name:</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>		<b>County:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>		<b>Farm #:</b>	
<b>Application Date:</b>		<b>Tract #:</b>	
		<b>Field #:</b>	

Please carefully read the attached information on Best Management Practices before applying. Place a checkmark next to the BMP you would like to apply for. **Your eligible for only one practices at a time and a maximum of \$2,000 per fiscal year.**

✓	BMP	Limits	Cost Share Rate
	<b>Exclusion Fence – (check one)</b> <input type="radio"/> Water Exclusion <input type="radio"/> Woodland Exclusion	Woven Wire- 844 Ft Barbed Wire- 1143 Ft High Ten. Wire -1143 Ft	\$2.37 per foot \$1.75 per foot \$1.75 per foot
	<b>Forage Seeding Pasture Only</b>	Not to exceed: 15 acres.	60% not to exceed \$125.00/acre
	<b>Frost Seeding Pasture Only</b>	Not to exceed: 10 acres.	60% not to exceed \$25.00/acre
	<b>Heavy-Use Area Protection</b>	Not to exceed: 1500 sq ft	\$1.32 per square ft. not to exceed \$1980
	<b>Invasive Species</b>	Cost of chemicals only	100% cost of chemical not to exceed \$600
	<b>Lime</b>	Bulk Ag. Lime only, 50-acre max	50% up to \$45.00/ton
	<b>Pasture Division – (check one)</b> <input type="radio"/> Barbed wire <input type="radio"/> Woven wire <input type="radio"/> High tensile wire	Woven Wire- 844 Ft Barbed Wire- 1143 Ft High Ten. Wire -1143 Ft	\$2.37 per foot \$1.75 per foot \$1.75 per foot
	<b>Nutrient Management</b>	P and K only 25 acres max	50% cost share up to \$150/acre
	<b>Urban Agriculture (check all that apply)</b> <input type="radio"/> Compost bin <input type="radio"/> Raised beds <input type="radio"/> Low tunnel <input type="radio"/> Rain barrels <input type="radio"/> Straw mulch <input type="radio"/> Soil		50% of cost not to exceed \$750.00
	<b>Water System (check all that apply)</b> <input type="radio"/> Concrete trough <b>OR</b> <input type="radio"/> Tire trough <input type="radio"/> 2-hole Frost Free <input type="radio"/> Spring development <input type="radio"/> Heavy use protection <input type="radio"/> Pipeline	Covers payment on components on one system.	\$900 concrete trough \$700 tire trough \$800 2-hole Frost free \$1000 spring development, \$1.32 sq. ft. for heavy-use protection \$2.09 per pipeline foot.

	<b>Pollination (check all that apply)</b> ○ Planting	Not to exceed ¼ acre	Pays 100% of seed not to exceed \$200
	○ Pollination	Two (2)-5 Frame Honeybee Nucleus Colonies w/Queen	75% up to \$200.00 (purchase of nucleus colonies)
	○ Pollination Bee Houses	Up to \$30.00 per Cooperator	

#### **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 operator.
4. Landowners are limited to only 1 water system or fence contract per fiscal year.
5. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field along with proposed acreage.
6. NRCS standards and specs must be followed.
7. Methods of seeding stands may be established either by conventional or no till.
8. Applications will be submitted for review at the July monthly board meeting. You will be notified in writing of approval/denial shortly after the meeting.
9. Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking form.
10. After approval, applicant must follow job sheets provided at the time of signing the contract.
11. Practice must be completed, and invoices must be submitted by June 1, 2023.
12. Must serve an agriculture resource concern. (i.e., livestock, crops)

#### **Payment rates & limits:**

1. Please refer to attached information for rates and limits.
2. Maximum cost share payment of \$2,000 per fiscal year per cooperator.
3. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received, cooperator completes a W-9 form and the site visit completed.
1. No cost share rate will exceed the total cost amount for the BMP.
2. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.

#### **Practice Specifications**

1. Please refer to job sheets provided at the time of approval and signing of 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## **Available Best Management Practices (BMP)**

**Exclusion Fence** – Definition: constructed barrier to animals. Purpose: Improve distribution and timing of livestock grazing. Reduce erosion and improve water quality by controlling livestock access to streams, springs, wetlands and ponds. Facilitate handling, movement and feeding of livestock in a pasture environment. **Cost share of \$1.75 per foot for Barbed Wire or High Tensile. Not to exceed \$2000, or \$2.37 for foot for Woven Wire**

**Forage Seeding** - Definition: establishing adapted and/or compatible species, varieties, or cultivars of herbaceous species suitable for pasture, or hay. Purpose: Pasture reseeding when properly done can establish adapted and compatible species or varieties of herbaceous plants suitable for pasture production. It can improve soil and water quality, reduced soil erosion, and improve or maintain livestock nutrition. **Limited to 15 acres with cost share of 60% not to exceed \$125.00 per acre.**

**Frost Seeding** – Definition: establishing legume species within existing stands of grasses. Purpose: To establish legume species within grassland areas to increase forage quality and quantity and to provide for alternative forms of nitrogen fertilizer for cool season grasses. **Limited to 10 acres with a cost share of 60% not to exceed \$25.00 per acre.**

**Heavy Use Area Protection** – Definition: heavy use area protection is used to stabilize a ground surface that is frequently and intensively used by people, animals, or vehicles. Purpose: Provide a stable, non-eroding surface for areas frequently used by animals, people, or vehicles, to protect or improve water quality. **Cost share of \$1.32 per foot up to 1500 square feet.**

**Invasive Species** – Definition: The removal or control of herbaceous weeds and woody plants including invasive, noxious and prohibited plants. Purpose: Enhance accessibility, quantity, and quality of forage and/or browse. Restore or release native or create desired plant communities and wildlife habitats consistent with the ecological site. Protect soils and control erosion. Reduce fine-fuels fire hazard and improve air quality. **Cost share is 100% cost of chemical only not to exceed \$600.00.**

**Lime** – Definition: A material whose Calcium and Magnesium compounds are capable of neutralizing soil acidity. Purpose: Ideal soil acidity levels boost the nutrients in the soil that are available to plants, effectively increasing their nutrient supply. Liming most economical method of improving soil acidity. **Soil test results within the last 3 years must be submitted at the time of application. Cost share is 50% up to \$45.00 per acre maximum of 50 acres.**

**Pasture Division Fence** – Definition: constructed barrier to animals or people. Purpose: Improve distribution and timing of livestock grazing. Reduce erosion and improve water quality by controlling livestock access to streams, springs, wetlands and ponds. Facilitate handling, movement and feeding of livestock in a pasture environment. **Cost share of \$1.75 per foot for Barbed Wire or High Tensile. Not to exceed \$2000, or \$2.37 for foot for Woven Wire.**

**Pollination**– Definition: The area will be seeded and maintained in permanent vegetative cover to enhance wildlife habitat and pollinator habitat. Purpose: To increase habitat and food source for native, managed pollinators, and to help with the replacement of loss bees. **Pollinator planting cost share is for up to ¼ acres with 100% cost of the seed not to exceed \$200. Seeds must be native to region, from a list of recommended seeds. Nucleus Colonies cost share is 75% up to \$200.00 on two (2)-5 Frame Honeybee Nucleus Colonies with new bees. Bee houses cost share is up to \$30 per cooperator**

**Nutrient Management** – Managing the amount (rate), source, placement (method of application), and timing of plant nutrients and soil amendments. To budget, supply, and conserve nutrients for plant production. To minimize agriculture non-point source pollution of surface and ground water resources. To maintain or improve the physical, chemical, and biological condition of soil. **Cost-Share of 50% cost rate up to \$150/acre not to exceed 25 acres on P and K only.**

**Urban Ag.** – Purpose: Aid urban landowners that are interested in agricultural practices. Provide soil and watershed protection by storm water management and soil erosion reduction. Encourage local grown foods. **Covers the payments for compost bins, low tunnels, straw mulch, soil, raised beds, rain barrels, the maximum cost-share for this practice will be at a 50% rate up to \$750.**

**Watering System** – Definition: A permanent device to provide an adequate amount and quality of drinking water for livestock and or wildlife. Collection of water from springs or seeps to provide water for a conservation need. Purpose: To provide access to drinking water for livestock and/or wildlife to meet daily water requirements and improve animal distribution. Improve the quantity and/or quality of water for livestock, wildlife, or other agricultural use. **Covers the payment for the components on one system at a fixed cost-share rate of \$1,000 for the spring development, \$1.32 sq. ft. for heavy-use protection, \$900 for a concrete trough, \$500 for a tire trough or \$800 2-hole frost free and \$2.09 per pipeline ft.**

**Applications must be received in the NPCD office not later than 4:00 pm on May 20, 2022. Applications can be emailed to [npcd@wvca.us](mailto:npcd@wvca.us), [jkile@wvca.us](mailto:jkile@wvca.us), dropped in our drop folder at the office, or mailed to 1 Ball Park Drive, McMechen, WV 26040. Questions? Contact us at 304.238-1231, 304-590-6095 or email us.**