



ELK Conservation District

Agricultural Enhancement Program FY2026



Applicant Information	Farm Information
Full Name:	Conservation District: ELK CD
Mailing Address:	Farm Name:
Telephone:	County:
Email Address:	Farm #:
Application Date:	Tract #:
	Field #:

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. **You are eligible for only lime plus two practices and a maximum of \$3,500 per fiscal year.** Lime, Frost Seeding are for Fall Period only. Fertilizer: Spring, Pollination may be applied for in either period.

✓	BMP	Limits	Cost Share Rate
	Exclusion Fence – (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Water Exclusion <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland Exclusion	1500 Feet Max (May have exclusion or division, combo of both, NTE 1500 ft. max.)	\$1.50 per foot
	Frost Seeding (Pasture Only)	Not to exceed: 20 acres	50% not to exceed \$20.00/acre
	Heavy-Use Area Protection	Not to exceed: 1000 sq ft	\$1.00 per square ft. not to exceed \$1000
	Lime	Ag Lime only, 50-acre max	50% up to \$50.00/ton based on soil test recommendations and map acreage.
	Pasture Division – (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Barbed wire <input type="checkbox"/> Woven wire <input type="checkbox"/> High tensile wire	1500 Feet Max (May have exclusion or division, combo of both, NTE 1500 ft. max.)	\$1.50 per foot
	Nutrient Management	P and K only 50 acres max	50% cost share of soil test recommendations up to \$2000.00
	Pollinator Planting (Seed)	Not to exceed ½ acre seed planting	75% cost share rate Not to exceed \$225 (Seed or Trees)
	Pollinator Tree Planting	Bare Root Seedlings Native Pollinator Tree (WV NATIVES ONLY)	75% cost share rate Not to exceed \$225 (Seed or Trees)
	Pollination (Honeybee Nucleus Colony)	No Number limit. WVDA Inspected/Approved	75% up to a maximum of \$300

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. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field along with proposed acreage.
5. NRCS standards and specs must be followed.
6. Methods of seeding stands may be established either by conventional or no till.
7. Applications will be submitted for review at the August monthly board meeting. You will be notified in writing of approval/denial shortly after the meeting.

8. Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking form.
9. After approval, applicant must follow job sheets provided at the time of signing the contract.
10. Practice must be completed, and invoices must be submitted by December 31, 2024 or June 13, 2025.
11. Must serve an agriculture resource concern. (i.e., livestock, crops)
12. Leased farms are no longer treated as separate applications under a single cooperator.
13. Program is limited to two (2) practices per cooperator plus one (1) lime program.

Payment rates & limits:

1. Please refer to attached information for rates and limits.
2. Maximum cost share payment of \$3,500 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.
4. No cost share rate will exceed the total cost amount for the BMP.
5. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.
6. Elk Conservation District does not reimburse sales tax amount.

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 #:	

Elk Conservation District 738 Airport Road, Sutton, WV 26601
Call 304-765-2535 or email ecd@wvca.us

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 \$1.50 / ft for Barbed Wire or High Tensile up to 1,500 feet or less, at WVCA/ECD discretion. Max \$2250. NRCS Standards/Design must be followed (provided if funded).**

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 \$1.50 / ft for Barbed Wire or High Tensile up to 1,500 feet or less, at WVCA/ECD discretion. Max \$2250. NRCS Standards/Design must be followed (provided if funded).**

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 20 acres with a cost share of 50% not to exceed \$20.00 per acre. Max: \$200. LEGUMES ONLY. Current soil test must indicated pH of 5.6 or greater. Approved applications must purchase seed in fall, apply in late winter/early spring.**

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 \$1.00 per foot up to 1000 square feet. Max: \$1000. NRCS Standards/Design must be followed (provided if funded).**

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% of up to \$50.00 per ton, Max: 50 acres. Tonnage based on approved acreage and soil test results.**

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 ½ acre with 75% cost of the seed not to exceed \$225. Native tree plantings/seeds must be native to region, from a list of recommended seeds/trees. Native Trees 75% up to \$225. Nucleus Colonies cost share is 75% up to \$300.00 on Honeybee Nucleus Colonies with new bees. Honey and pollen must be provided with nuc, must also contain queen. WVDA inspected/approved mandatory.**

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 not to exceed 50 acres on P and K only. Max: \$2000. NO NITROGEN. SPRING ONLY.**

Applications must be received in the ECD office not later than 4:00 pm on August 2, 2024. Applications can be emailed to ecd@wvca.us, djohnson@wvca.us, dropped in during business hours, or mailed to 738 Airport Road, Sutton, WV 26601. Questions? Contact us at 304-765-2535 or email us.