



# Chesapeake Bay Program Cover Crop Application

Sign up period: June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, through July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Practices **MUST** be completed by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Number/Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tract # \_\_\_\_\_

Field # \_\_\_\_\_

Good Day Time Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Best Management Practice (BMP) applied for:

BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate	Amount applied for	Current Crop	Crop to be planted
Cover Crops	Not to exceed 50 acres	Flat rate \$50/ac. Must be planted by October 31 <sup>st</sup> Max Payment of \$2,500.00	_____ acres	_____	_____

### A. Description and Purpose

1. Cost-share payments are provided for the establishment of vegetative cover on cropland for protection from rain and wind erosion and the reduction of nutrient losses to groundwater.

### B. Polices 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. The applicant, if a member of a legal entity, must provide a copy of a CCC-901 Form stating who the members are.
6. The applicant must have a Farm Use Evaluation for this property.
7. Applicants must provide a map identifying tract and field where the proposed planting will be.
8. Approvals will be final based upon **available funds**.
9. Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and order received.
10. Invoices must be submitted by **November 13, 2026, 4:00PM**.

### C. Practice Specifications:

1. 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.

*Some of the recommended seed type and planting rates are listed in the following table:*

Species	Rates/ ac	Species	Rates/ac
Wheat	2 bu.	Crimson Clover	20 lbs.
Cereal Rye	2 bu.	Red Clover	15 lbs.
Spring Oats	2 bu.	White Clover	12 lbs.
Barley	2 bu.	Ryegrass	40 lbs.
Triticale	2 bu.	Bluegrass	40 lbs.
Annual Ryegrass	30 lbs.	Smooth Bromegrass	40 lbs.
Hairy Vetch	30 lbs.	Orchardgrass	40 lbs.
Crownvetch	5-20 lbs.	Timothy	40 lbs.
Mixed: Radish, peas, etc.	Consult	Birdsfoot Trefoil	10 lbs.

2. **Practice must be completed by October 31, 2026.**
3. The cover crop purpose: may be left on the field for conservation purposes; or the cover crop or its residue may be tilled under; or the cover crop may be harvested after April 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. The life span of this practice is a minimum of 1 year.

### D. Payment rates & limits:

1. The maximum cost-share for this practice is **\$50/ac by the October 31<sup>st</sup> Plant Date, Max Payment of \$2,500.00**
2. Maximum of 50 acres per producer.
3. **Practice must be completed by October 31, 2026.**
4. The payment will be made **within 45 days** after invoices are submitted and AEP representative has made a site visit, providing funding is available.
5. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.

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

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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