



West Virginia  
Conservation Agency

FY27 Agricultural Enhancement Program

**Hay or Pasture Establishment Application**

Application Period: June 15, 2026 – July 17, 2026

Information below **MUST** match that of the W-9.

Name:		Conservation District: Potomac Valley	
Mailing Address:		County:	
		Farm Name:	
Telephone:		Farm #:	
Email Address:		Tract #:	
Application Date:		Field # or #s:	
What is your preferred method to receive written notification?		Email	Letter
What is the best way to contact you?		Call	Text
Do you own or lease the land associated with this application?		Own	Lease
Are the fields associated with this application part of another financial incentive program?		Yes	No
Is the land associated with this application part of a farming operation?		Yes	No
Do you have a financial interest in a farming entity with a district supervisor?		Yes	No
Are you a relative of a district supervisor, WVCA Employee, or district employee?		Yes	No
Have you attended a conservation related event or workshop within the past 12 months?		Yes	No

**Best Management Practice**

BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate	Amount applied for
Hay Establishment	50 Acres Max	Flat Rate \$125.00 per Acre	_____ acres

**Program Eligibility**

**Definition:**

Hay establishment refers to the process of planting, seeding, and cultivating grasses and legumes to create new or improved forage fields.

**Purpose:**

Forage establishment is important to improve or maintain livestock nutrition and/or health. It can provide or increase forage supply during periods of low forage production. Also, by planting hay land it can reduce soil erosion and improve soil and water quality.

**Policies for Practice:**

1. Applicant must be a district cooperator.
2. W-9 tax form is required with application for district tax purposes.
3. Cost Share is available to owner and/or lessee.
4. Applicants must provide a map identifying fields and acreages.
5. NRCS standards and specs must be followed.

6. Current Soil tests (within the past 3 years) are required and must come from a certified laboratory.
7. Fields must be either spray killed and/or residue tilled under.
8. Field(s) must remain in hay for 5 years.
9. If pH is less than 5.8 for the field(s) applying, P levels are below: 12 lbs./ac, 6 PPM or 28 lbs./ac of P2O5, and K levels are below: 76 lbs./ac, 38 PPM or 92 lbs./ac of K2O, IT IS INELIGIBLE.
10. Method of seeding stands may be established either by conventional or no till.
11. Lifespan of this practice is 5 years.
12. Approval will be considered on **August 11, 2026**.
13. Application approvals will be based on ranking form and availability of funds.
14. After approval, applicant must follow job sheet provided at the time of signing contract.
15. Invoices must be submitted by **May 28, 2027**.

**Payment rates & limits:**

1. The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be a Falt Rate of \$125.00 per Acre not to Exceed \$6,250.00 Cost Share.
2. Maximum of 50 acres per applicant.
3. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received, cooperators completes w-9, and a verification site visit has been completed.
4. No duplication of federal and state cost share shall be allowed.

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

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Received	
Time Received	
Ranking Score	
If Approved	
Date Approved	
Contract Expiration Date	
Application Number	
Verification Number	