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West Virginia AgEP

ADMINISTERED BY: WEST VIRGINIA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS WITH
ASSISTANCE FROM THE WEST VIRGINIA CONSERVATION AGENCY

AgEP will provide opportunities for demonstration of site-specific agricultural best management practices and the education of agricultural operators about innovative management and conservation practices and methods. AgEP supports implementation of new / innovative best management practices. CDs have discretion related to the evaluation and funding of these types of practices.

Conservation Best Management Practices

West Virginia Agricultural Enhancement Program's (AgEP) mission is to assist the agriculture cooperators of West Virginia Conservation Districts with the voluntary implementation of best management practices (BMPs) on agricultural lands in order to conserve and improve land and water quality. The program offers technical and financial assistance as an incentive to implement suggested BMPs.

AgEP is a simple, user-friendly program intended to encourage participation. Overall program objectives include the reduction of nutrients and sediment from entering the waters of the state. Each conservation district has the ability to modify the program to address specific agricultural issues in their area.



AgEP Committee Members

Contact a member of the AgEP Committee: Clyde Bailey (CCD), John Pitsenbarger (ECD), Jim Moore (EPCD), Bill Stewart (GCD), Timothy VanReenen (GVCD), Joe Woolweaver (LKCD), Jean Conley (MCD), Jimmy Caldwell (NPCD), George Leatherman (PVCd), Virgil Caldwell (SCD), Sheldon Finley (TVCD), Bill Gellner (UOCD), Oscar Harris (WCD), Bill Coffindaffer (WFCD), J.R. Wolfe (WV NRCS)

*If you have questions or concerns related to AgEP,
please contact Jennifer Skaggs at jskaggs@wvca.us or (304) 941-3134.*

Program Changes per State Code (19-21A-4a)

- a) If a conservation district supervisor applies to participate in a West Virginia Conservation Agency financial assistance program, then his or her application for that particular program shall be evaluated for approval or denial by the West Virginia Conservation Agency.
- b) A conservation district supervisor may not vote for the authorization, approval or ratification of a contract in which he or she or an immediate family member is beneficially interested.
- c) The State Conservation Committee shall propose rules for legislative approval pursuant to article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code to establish:
 - 1) The criteria, ranking and standards required for an applicant to qualify to participate in West Virginia Conservation Agency programs;
 - 2) A process to disclose the recipients of the award; and
 - 3) The process for an unsuccessful qualified applicant to appeal an award.
- d) The State Conservation Committee may propose emergency rules as necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

LORs

If you CD hasn't already done so, please take action at your board meeting and submit your Letter of Request (LOR) for the FY 16 allocation. The state allocation for FY 16 AgEP is \$880,000.

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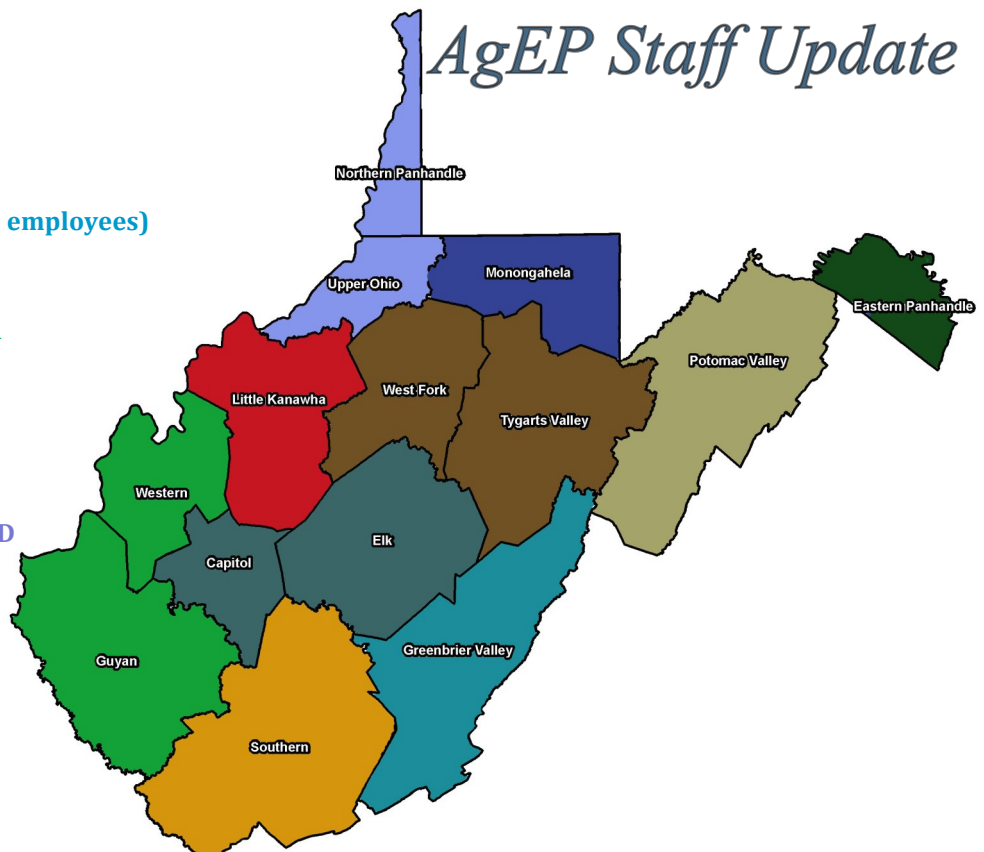
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Tygarts Valley & West Fork CD

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AgEP Staff Update

For Conservation District contact information, visit:

<http://www.wvca.us/directory/cdo.cfm>

FY 15 Summary

Per Practice

Information per AgEP database

Practices Completed in FY 15		
Practice	Unit Totals	Number of Paid Applications
Cover Crop	4,596 acres	140
Exclusion Fence	99,966 feet	52
Frost Seeding	1,493 acres	43
Heavy Use Protection Area	28 areas	28
Invasive Species Management*	2,818 acres	143
Lime	14,426 acres / 32,889 tons	452
Litter Transfer	2,795 tons	9
Nutrient Management	2,885 acres	125
Pasture Division Fence	213,009 feet	113
Pasture Seeding	1,103 acres	45
Pollinator Planting	11 plots	11
Pond Clean Out	16 ponds	16
Roof Runoff Management	5,800 sq. ft.	3
Urban Agriculture	11 components	11
Watering System	122 components / systems	122
Winter Grazing	107 acres	5
*ISM acres include brush acres.	TOTAL:	1,318

State Totals:

⇒ Number of FY15 applications processed - 1,883.

*Based on database, total includes “canceled” and “paid”.

⇒ Number of applications paid in FY15 - 1,318.

*Based on data paid in database.

⇒ Total Payments - \$1,695,447.54.

*Based on WVCA fiscal report.

⇒ 67% average cost-share statewide.

⇒ Number of different cooperators paid in FY15 - 893.

*Based on database.

AgEP Financial Report

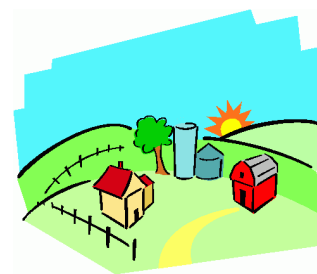
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

FINANCIAL REPORT July 2015		
Conservation District	AgEP Dollars Paid 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	Number of AgEP Paid Applications
Capitol Conservation District	\$15,765.55	31
Eastern Panhandle Conservation District	\$300,385.10	196
Elk Panhandle Conservation District	\$75,263.16	47
Greenbrier Valley Conservation District	\$160,077.51	101
Guyan Conservation District	\$50,413.23	48
Little Kanawha Conservation District	\$104,643.09	120
Monongahela Conservation District	\$50,434.66	59
Northern Panhandle Conservation District	\$136,977.12	73
Potomac Valley Conservation District	\$124,123.42	130
Southern Conservation District	\$195,168.79	173
Tygart's Valley Conservation District	\$138,602.42	123
Upper Ohio Conservation District	\$41,867.59	43
West Fork Conservation District	\$156,933.30	92
Western Conservation District	\$144,792.60	75
TOTAL:	\$1,695,447.54	1,318*

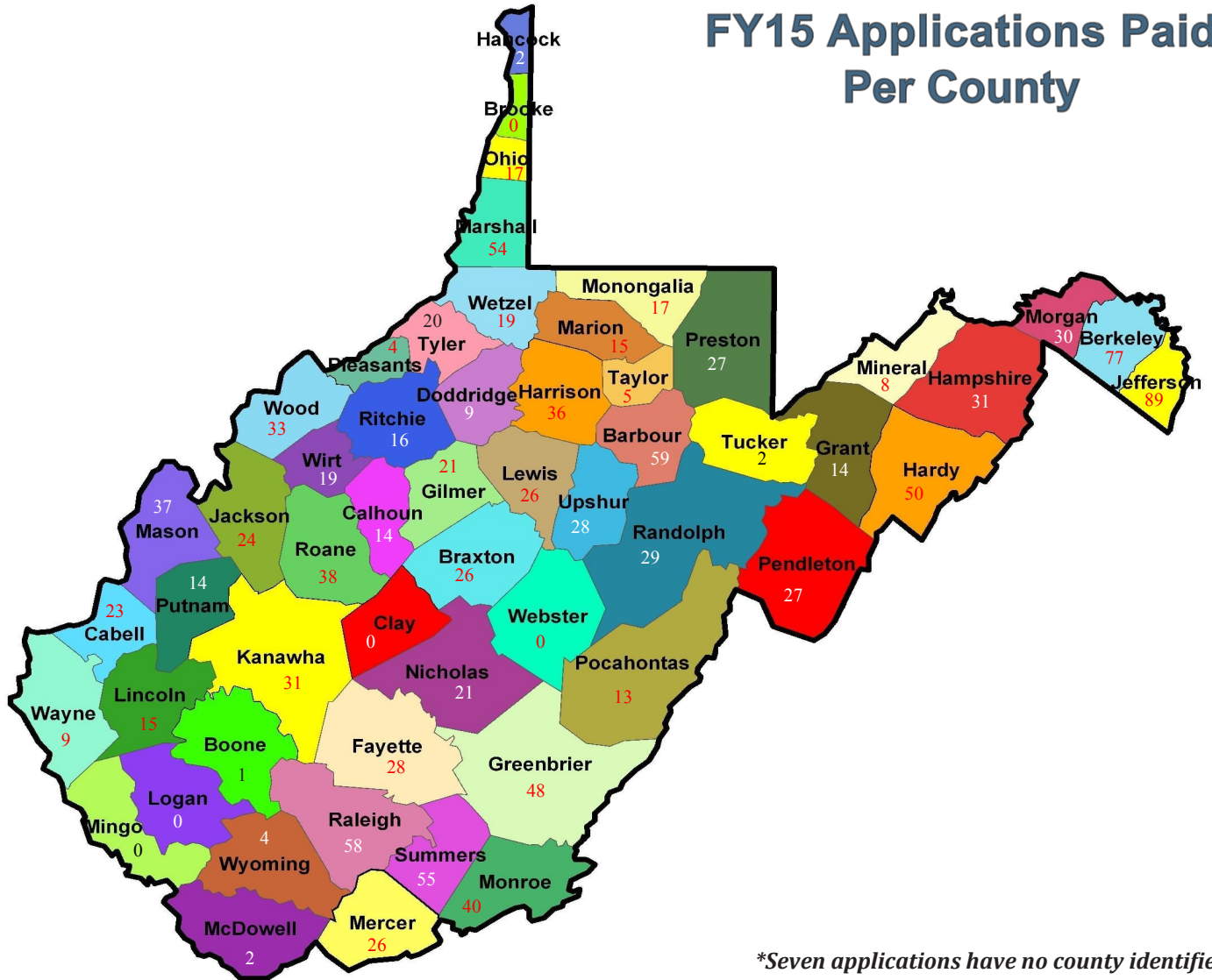
*Seven applications have no county identified.

CURRENT FY 16 PRACTICES

- ⇒ Cover Crop
- ⇒ Exclusion Fence
- ⇒ Frost Seeding
- ⇒ Heavy Use Protection Area
- ⇒ Invasive Species Management
- ⇒ Lime
- ⇒ Nutrient Management (Commercial Fertilizer)
- ⇒ Pasture Division Fence
- ⇒ Forage Seeding
- ⇒ Pollinator Plantings
- ⇒ Pond Clean Out
- ⇒ Roof Runoff Management
- ⇒ Urban Agriculture
- ⇒ Watering Systems
- ⇒ Winter Grazing



FY15 Applications Paid Per County



Conservation District	County	Number of Paid Applications
CCD	Kanawha	31
EPCD	Berkeley Jefferson Morgan	77 89 30
ECD	Braxton Clay Nicholas Webster	26 0 21 0
GVCD	Greenbrier Monroe Pocahontas	48 40 13
GCD	Boone Cabell Lincoln Logan Mingo Wayne	1 23 15 0 0 9
LKCD	Calhoun Ritchie Roane Wirt Wood	14 16 38 19 33
MCD	Marion Monongalia Preston	15 17 27
NPCD	Brooke Hancock Marshall Ohio	0 2 54 17

Conservation District	County	Number of Paid Applications
PVCD	Grant Hampshire Hardy Mineral Pendleton	14 31 50 8 27
SCD	Fayette McDowell Mercer Raleigh Summers Wyoming	28 2 26 58 55 4
TVCD	Barbour Randolph Taylor Tucker Upshur	59 29 5 2 28
UOCD	Pleasants Tyler Wetzel	4 20 19
WFCD	Doddridge Gilmer Harrison Lewis	9 21 36 26
WCD	Jackson Mason Putnam	24 37 14