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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: CCD Vacant, John Pitsenbarger (ECD), Floyd Kursey (EPCD), Bill Stewart (GCD), Timothy VanReenen (GVCD), Sam Sheets (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)



## Program Updates



#### **Legislative**

SB 1017 was passed during the 2016 special session which means the legislative rule for WVCA Financial Assistance Programs is approved and remains in effect.

#### **LORs**

If your CD hasn't already done so please take action at your board meeting and submit your Letter of Request (LOR) for the FY 17 allocation. The state allocation for FY 1 AgEP is \$880,000, and individual CD allocations have been determined based on the formula approved by the state AgEP committee.

#### **AgEP Field Staff:**

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**Greenbrier Valley CD** 

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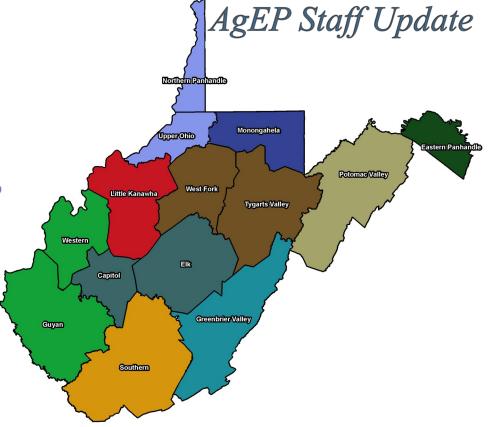
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Tygarts Valley & West Fork CD Caleb Smith (681) 313-0826



# FY 16 Summary Per Practice

Information per AgEP database

Practices Completed in FY 16		
Practice	Unit Totals	Number of Paid Applications
Cover Crop	218 acres	7
<b>Exclusion Fence</b>	70,479 feet	39
Frost Seeding	1,512 acres	44
Heavy Use Protection Area	44 areas	44
Invasive Species Management*	1,320 acres	110
Lime	15,487 acres / 31,428 tons	429
Nutrient Management	2,954 acres	125
Pasture Division Fence	167,246 feet	89
Pasture Seeding	593 acres	33
Pollinator Planting	6 plots	6
Pond Clean Out	7 ponds	7
Roof Runoff Management	5 structures	5
Urban Agriculture	35 components	35
Watering System	100 components / systems	100
Winter Grazing	25 acres	1
*ISM acres include brush acres.	TOTAL:	1,074

#### **State Totals:**

- ⇒ Number of FY16 applications processed 1,434
  - \*Based on database, total includes "canceled" and "paid"
  - ⇒ Number of applications paid in FY16 1,074
    - \*Based on data paid in database.
    - ⇒ Total Payments \$1,340,195.37
      - \*Based on WVCA fiscal report
      - $\Rightarrow$  Total cost—\$2,376,655.61
    - \*AgEP payment + Cooperator's Cost = Total Cost
- $\Rightarrow$  Number of different cooperators paid in FY16 763

\*Based on database

# **AgEP Financial Report**

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

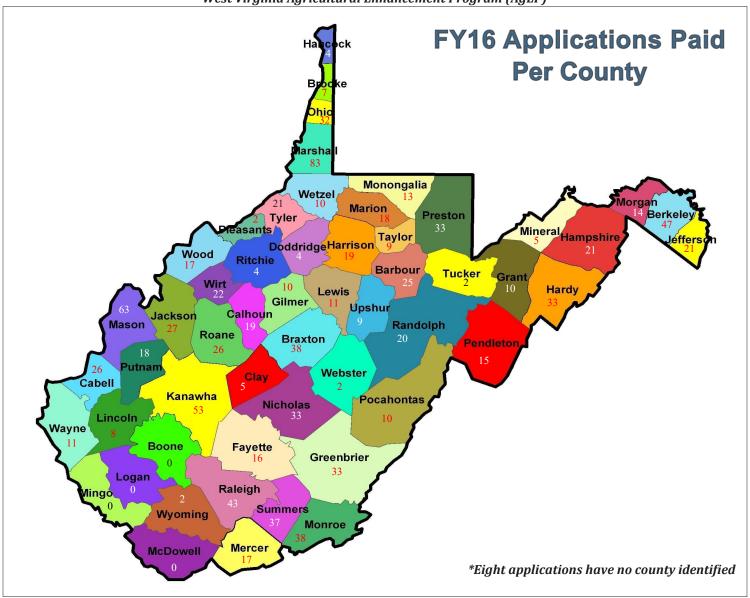
FINANCIAL REPORT July 2016		
Conservation District	AgEP Dollars Paid 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	Number of AgEP Paid Applications
Capitol Conservation District	\$17,988.86	53
<b>Eastern Panhandle Conservation District</b>	\$91,322.19	82
Elk Conservation District	\$87,259.54	78
<b>Greenbrier Valley Conservation District</b>	\$132,286.82	81
Guyan Conservation District	\$36,325.55	45
Little Kanawha Conservation District	\$106,715.89	88
Monongahela Conservation District	\$88,080.31	64
Northern Panhandle Conservation District	\$269,179.10	128
Potomac Valley Conservation District	\$96,106.59	85
Southern Conservation District	\$112,467.98	117
Tygarts Valley Conservation District	\$56,620.13	66
Upper Ohio Conservation District	\$33,647.14	33
West Fork Conservation District	\$78,835.14	44
Western Conservation District	\$133,360.13	110
TOTAL:	\$1,340,195.37	1,074

### **FY 17 APPROVED PRACTICES**

- $\Rightarrow$  Cover Crop
- ⇒ Critical Area Planting
- ⇒ Exclusion Fence (Deer, Water Protection, Woodland)
- ⇒ Frost Seeding
- ⇒ Hay Reseeding
- ⇒ Heavy Use Protection Area
- ⇒ Invasive Species Management
- $\Rightarrow$  Lime
- ⇒ Micro-Irrigation
- ⇒ Nutrient Management (Commercial Fertilizer)

- ⇒ Pasture Division Fence
- ⇒ Pasture Reseeding
- ⇒ Pollinator Plantings
- ⇒ Pond Clean Out
- ⇒ Roof Runoff Management
- ⇒ Urban Agriculture
- ⇒ Watering Systems
- ⇒ Winter Grazing





Conservation District	County	Number of Paid Applications
CCD	Kanawha	53
EPCD	Berkeley Jefferson Morgan	47 21 14
ECD	Braxton Clay Nicholas Webster	38 5 33 2
GVCD	Greenbrier Monroe Pocahontas	33 38 10
GCD	Boone Cabell Lincoln Logan Mingo Wayne	0 26 8 0 0
LKCD	Calhoun Ritchie Roane Wirt Wood	19 4 26 22 17
MCD	Marion Monongalia Preston	18 13 33
NPCD 5	Brooke Hancock Marshall Ohio	7 4 83 32

Conservation District	County	Number of Paid Applications		
PVCD	Grant Hampshire Hardy Mineral Pendleton	10 21 33 5 15		
SCD	Fayette McDowell Mercer Raleigh Summers Wyoming	16 0 17 43 37 2		
TVCD	Barbour Randolph Taylor Tucker Upshur	25 20 9 2 9		
UOCD	Pleasants Tyler Wetzel	2 21 10		
WFCD	Doddridge Gilmer Harrison Lewis	4 10 19 11		
WCD	Jackson Mason Putnam	27 63 18		