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West Virginia AgEP

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

West Virginia Agricultural Enhancement Program's (AgEP) mission is to assist the agriculture cooperators of West Virginia's 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.

Each conservation district has the ability to modify the program to address specific agricultural issues in their area.



AgEP Committee Members

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

Program Updates and Reminders

AgEP Administration Agreement

The purpose of the Agricultural Enhancement Program Administration Agreement is to provide conservation districts a format in which to document CD policies. Conservation Districts should document local AgEP policies on the addendum, and review district policies annually.

Deadlines

The program year is July 1 - June 30. All practices must be completed and receipts submitted prior to June 30 of each year. Completion dates within the program year shall be set according to the program schedule established by the conservation district, and districts should enforce set deadlines. Those practices not completed within the program year shall be cancelled. If applications are cancelled cooperators may reapply during the next application period. Extensions/carryovers are not permitted.

FY 18 Allocations

The formula selected by the majority of CDs and approved by the state AgEP committee for FY 18 includes number of farms, farmland acres and average payments, and is based on the \$880,000 budget. Each CD should submit the LOR to Guthrie to receive the FY 18 allocation.

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FY 17 Summary

Per Practice

Information per AgEP database

Practices Completed in FY 17		
Practice	Unit Totals	Number of Paid Applications
Cover Crop	150 acres	8
Exclusion Fence	76,658 feet	49
Frost Seeding	1,306 acres	51
Heavy Use Protection Area	42 areas/54,420 sq. ft.	42
Invasive Species Management*	1,579 acres	109
Lime	13,286 acres / 31,620 tons	384
Micro Irrigation	1 system	1
Nutrient Management	3,198 acres	136
Pasture Division Fence	169,909 feet	95
Pasture Seeding	458 acres	28
Pollinator Planting	3 plots	3
Pond Clean Out	11 ponds	11
Roof Runoff Management	2 structures / 7,154 sq. ft. (structures)	2
Urban Agriculture	6 components	6
Watering System	90 components / systems	90
*ISM acres include brush acres.	TOTAL:	1,015

State Totals:

⇒ Number of FY17 applications processed - 1,395

*Based on database, total includes "canceled" and "paid"

⇒ Number of applications paid in FY 17 - 1,015

*Based on data paid in database.

⇒ Total Payments - \$1,363,337.98

*Based on WVCA fiscal report

⇒ Total cost—\$2,251,350.73

*AgEP payment + Cooperator's Cost = Total Cost

⇒ Number of different cooperators paid in FY 17 - 741

*Based on database

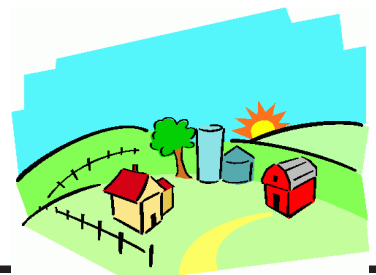
AgEP Financial Report

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Conservation District	AgEP Dollars Paid 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017	Number of AgEP Paid Applications
Capitol Conservation District	\$6,781.92	25
Eastern Panhandle Conservation District	\$77,611.61	61
Elk Conservation District	\$64,308.58	59
Greenbrier Valley Conservation District	\$97,720.92	57
Guyan Conservation District	\$57,256.53	53
Little Kanawha Conservation District	\$85,954.05	72
Monongahela Conservation District	\$33,879.37	26
Northern Panhandle Conservation District	\$357,224.91	148
Potomac Valley Conservation District	\$97,825.60	90
Southern Conservation District	\$140,859.93	133
Tygarts Valley Conservation District	\$71,126.60	78
Upper Ohio Conservation District	\$31,787.60	39
West Fork Conservation District	\$119,473.60	82
Western Conservation District	\$121,526.76	92
TOTAL:	\$1,363,337.98	1015

FY 18 APPROVED PRACTICES

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| ⇒ Cover Crop | ⇒ Pasture Division Fence |
| ⇒ Critical Area Planting | ⇒ Pasture Division Fence/Watering System Combined |
| ⇒ Exclusion Fence (Deer, Water Protection, Woodland) | ⇒ Pasture Establishment or Reseeding |
| ⇒ Exclusion Fence/Watering System Combined | ⇒ Pollinator Plantings |
| ⇒ Frost Seeding | ⇒ Pond Clean Out |
| ⇒ Hay Reseeding | ⇒ Precision Agriculture |
| ⇒ Heavy Use Protection Area | ⇒ Roof Runoff Management |
| ⇒ Invasive Species Management | ⇒ Urban Agriculture |
| ⇒ Lime | ⇒ Watering System |
| ⇒ Micro-Irrigation | ⇒ Winter Grazing |
| ⇒ Nutrient Mgmt. (Commercial Fertilizer) | |



5 Years of AgEP

July 1, 2012—June 30, 2017

