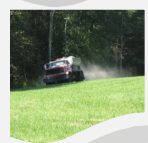


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West Virginia AgEP

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

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*If you have questions or concerns related to AgEP,
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AgEP Financial Report

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 2014

	AgEP Dollars Paid 7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014	Number of AgEP Paid Applications
Capitol Conservation District	\$24,118.84	48
Eastern Panhandle Conservation District	\$161,416.61	143
Elk Conservation District	\$109,212.69	91
Greenbrier Valley Conservation District	\$168,883.42	72*
Guyan Conservation District	\$28,739.55	33
Little Kanawha Conservation District	\$167,172.84	154
Monongahela Conservation District	\$38,307.77	35
Northern Panhandle Conservation District	\$100,950.62	67
Potomac Valley Conservation District	\$96,682.65	109
Southern Conservation District	\$158,116.90	161
Tygarts Valley Conservation District	\$96,963.45	80
Upper Ohio Conservation District	\$53,084.92	46
West Fork Conservation District	\$132,291.93	95
Western Conservation District	\$123,072.90	70
TOTAL:	\$1,459,015.09	1,204

*GVCD doesn't include number of grant payments.

CURRENT FY 15 PRACTICES

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ⇒ Cover Crop | ⇒ Litter Transfer | ⇒ Riparian Area Development |
| ⇒ Exclusion Fence | ⇒ Nutrient Management | ⇒ Roof Runoff Management |
| ⇒ Frost Seeding | ⇒ Integrated Pest Management | ⇒ Stream Protection |
| ⇒ Heavy Use Protection Area | ⇒ Pasture Division Fence | ⇒ Urban Agriculture |
| ⇒ High Tunnel | ⇒ Pasture Seeding | ⇒ Watering Systems |
| ⇒ Invasive Species Management | ⇒ Pollinator Plantings | ⇒ Winter Grazing |
| ⇒ Lime | ⇒ Pond Clean Out | |

FY 14 Summary

Per Practice

Information per AgEP database

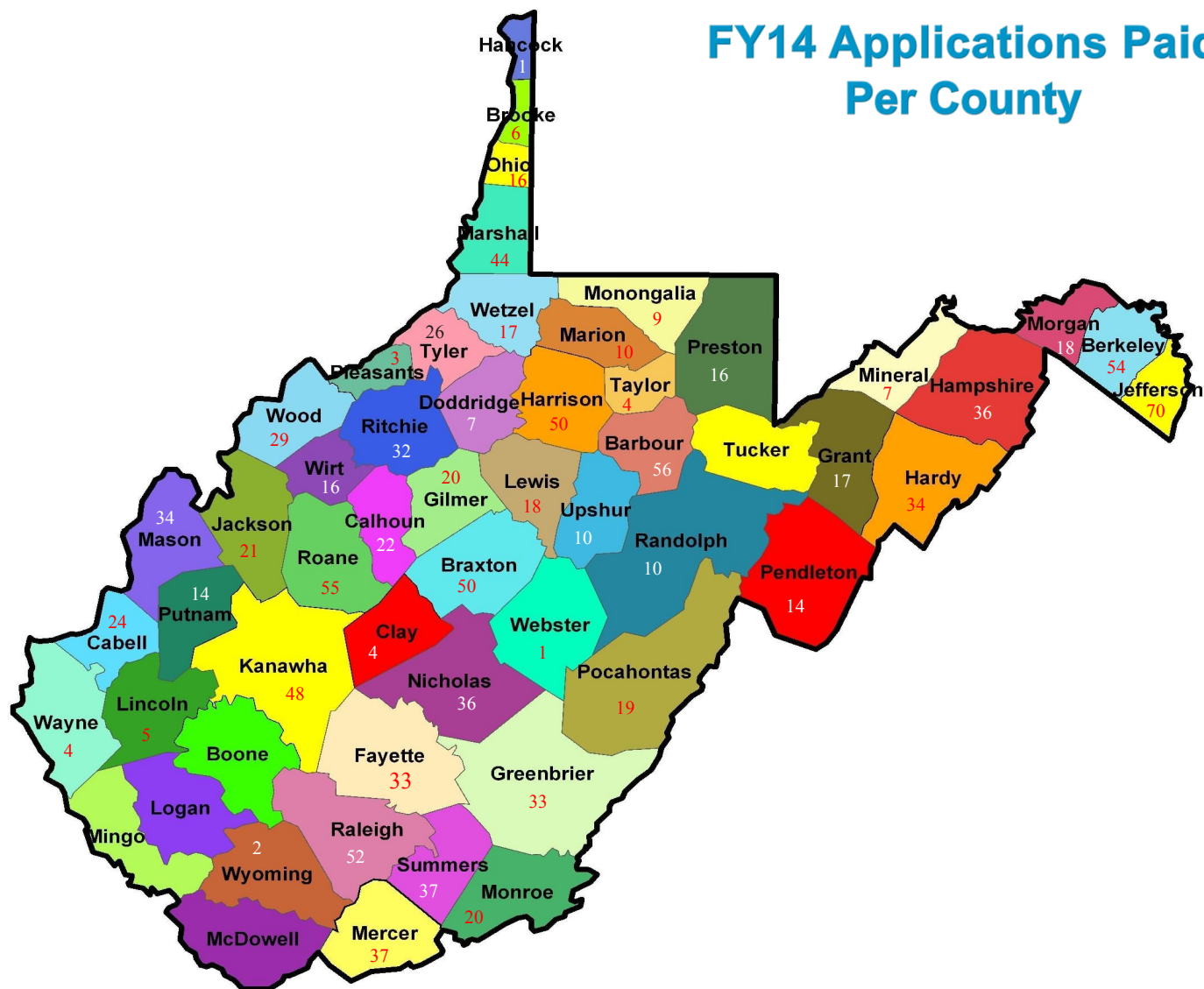
FY 14 Summary Per Practice

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Unit Totals</u>	<u>Number of Paid Applications</u>
Cover Crop	2,484 acres	99
Exclusion Fence	53,096 feet	30
Frost Seeding	1,843 acres	61
Heavy Use Protection Area	11 areas	11
Integrated Pest Management	40 acres	2
Invasive Species Management*	2,131 acres	118
Large Animal Composting	1 unit	1
Lime	15,007 acres / 35,540 tons	487
Nutrient Management	3,762	182
Pasture Division Fence	102,867 feet	60
Pasture Seeding	739 acres	26
Pollinator Planting	13 plots	13
Pond Clean Out	12 ponds	12
Stream Protection	1 application	1
Urban Agriculture	13 components	13
Watering System	77 components / systems	77
Winter Grazing	221 acres	11
<i>*ISM acres include brush acres</i>		1,204

Activity Report:

- ⇒ 1,637 applications received in FY 14
- *Based on application date in database
- ⇒ 1,204 applications paid in FY 14
- *Based on date paid in database
- ⇒ Total Payments - \$1,459,015.09
- *Based on WVCA fiscal report
- ⇒ Total cost—\$2,384,905
- *Based on total cost entered in database
- ⇒ 61% average cost-share statewide
- ⇒ 862 different cooperators paid in FY 14

FY14 Applications Paid Per County



Conservation District	County	Number of paid applications
CCD	Kanawha	48
EPCD*	Berkeley	54
	Jefferson	70
	Morgan	18
ECD	Braxton	50
	Clay	4
	Nicholas	36
	Webster	1
GVCD	Greenbrier	33
	Monroe	20
	Pocahontas	19
GCD	Cabell	24
	Lincoln	5
	Wayne	4
LKCD	Calhoun	22
	Ritchie	32
	Roane	55
	Wirt	16
	Wood	29
MCD	Marion	10
	Monongalia	9
	Preston	16
NPCD	Brooke	6
	Hancock	1
	Marshall	44
	Ohio	16

Conservation District	County	Number of paid applications
PVCD*	Grant	17
	Hampshire	36
	Hardy	34
	Mineral	7
	Pendleton	14
SCD	Fayette	33
	Mercer	37
	Raleigh	52
	Summers	37
	Wyoming	2
TVCD	Barbour	56
	Randolph	10
	Taylor	4
	Upshur	10
UOCD	Pleasants	3
	Tyler	26
	Wetzel	17
WFCD	Doddridge	7
	Gilmer	20
	Harrison	50
	Lewis	18
WCD*	Jackson	21
	Mason	34
	Putnam	14

*1 application—unknown county

Code Change / Legislative Rule Update / LORs

During the 2014 Legislative Session Senate Bill (SB) 365 was passed and became part of state code. This section deals with Conservation District supervisor participation in all West Virginia Conservation Agency (WVCA) financial assistance programs. The WVCA was directed to draft a legislative rule dealing with the implementation of the change in code. A committee of WVCA and NRCS staff was named, and the committee developed the legislative rule. In June 2014, WVCA submitted the draft legislative rule for a 30-day public comment period. All comments were considered, responses were given and changes to the legislative rule were made. The revised rule was filed with the Legislative Rule Making Review Committee via the WV Secretary of State's office on June 28, 2014.

LORs

If your Conservation District hasn't already done so, please take action at your board meeting and submit your Letter of Request (LOR) for the FY 15 allocation. The state allocation for FY 15 AgEP is \$880,000.

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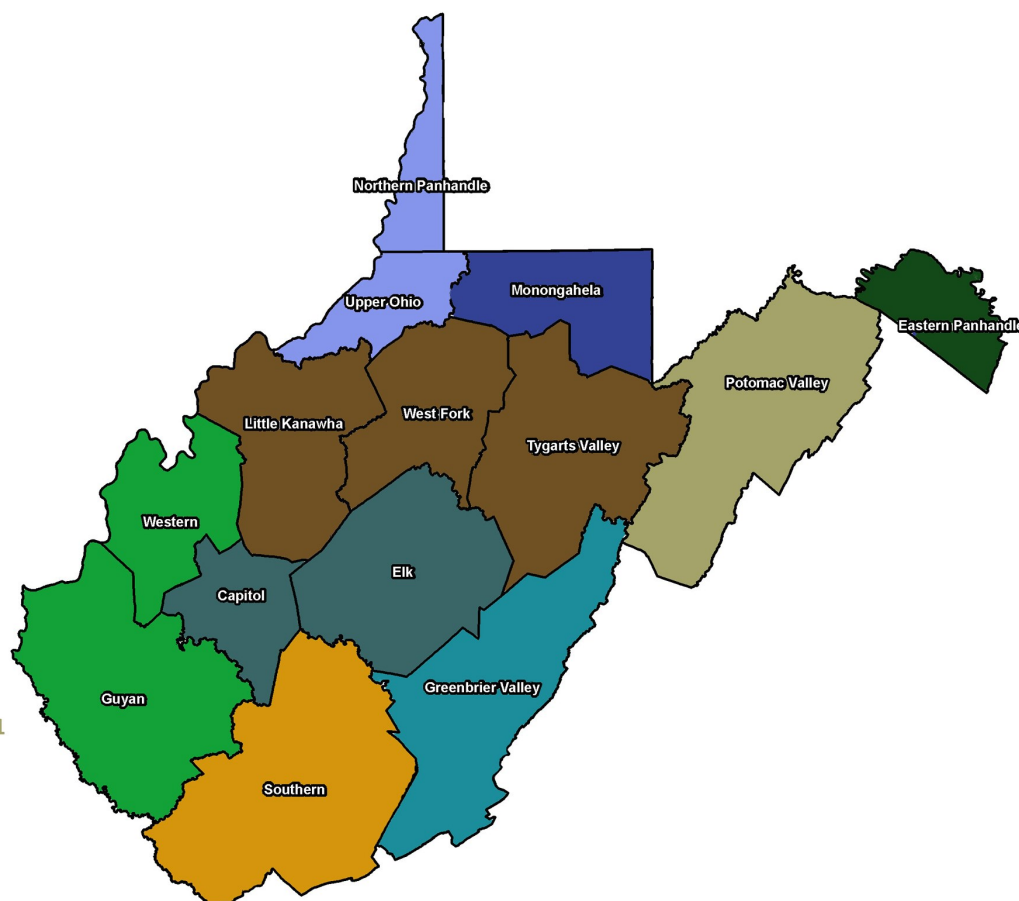
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