



2nd Half of FY 18 Agricultural Enhancement Program Hay/Pasture Establishment Application

| Applicant Information |
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| Name: |
| Mailing Address: |
| Telephone: |
| Email Address: |
| Application Date: |

| Farm Information |
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| Conservation District: Eastern Panhandle |
| County: |
| Farm Name: |
| Farm #: |
| Tract #: |
| Field # or #'s: |

Best Management Practice

Please complete the following information for the Best Management Practice you would like to apply for:

| BMP | Limits | Cost-Share Rate | Amount applied for |
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| Hay/Pasture Establishment | -Producers are eligible up to an accumulative of 50 acres. -Must stay in Hay or pasture for 5 years. -Must have soil tests less than three (3) yrs. old. -Field is ineligible if: · pH is less than 5.6 · P levels are below: 12 lbs./ac, 6 PPM or 28 lbs./ac of P ₂ O ₅ · K levels are below: 76 lbs./ac, 38 PPM or 92 lbs./ac of K ₂ O | Flat Rate of \$125/acre | _____ acres |

Program Eligibility

A. Definition

Conversion of cropland to hay or pasture.

B. 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 pasture and/or hayland it can reduce soil erosion and improve soil and water quality. Optimal planting dates are March 15 to April 15.

C. Policies for Practice

1. Applicant must be a District Cooperator.
2. A W-9 tax form will be required with application for District tax purposes.
3. Cost share is available to owner or lessee.
4. Applicant must provide one of the following documents: Written lease for current time, Current Farm Service Agency Farm Data Report or WVCA Operator Form. This will describe who is the owner and/or lessee.
5. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field along with proposed acreage.
6. A current soil test within three (3) years for the field/s must be filed with the application to be eligible for sign up.
7. It is ineligible, if pH is less than 5.6, P levels are below: 12 lbs./ac, 6 PPM or 28 lbs./ac of P₂₀ and K levels are below: 76 lbs./ac, 38 PPM or 92 lbs./ac of K₂₀ for that field.
8. Approvals will be final on January 24, 2018.
9. Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the AEP Forage Re-seeding ranking form.
10. Invoices must be submitted by April 16, 2018.

D. Payment rates & limits:

1. The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be at a flat rate of \$125 per acre.
2. Maximum of 50 acres per applicant.
3. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received and the AEP committee has made a site visit.
4. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.

E. Practice Specifications

1. NRCS standards and specs must be followed.
2. After approval applicant must follow job sheets provided at the time of signing the contract.
3. Methods of seeding stands may be established either by conventional or no till.
4. Lifespan of this practice is 5 years.

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

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

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| Date Received: | |
| Time Received: | |
| Ranking Score: | |
| If Approved: | |
| Bd Date Approved: | |
| Contract Exp. Date: | |
| Application #: | |
| Verification #: | |