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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.



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Program Updates & 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. Addendums must be submitted to WVCA on an annual basis.

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 each conservation district, and districts should enforce set deadlines. Those practices not completed within the program year shall be canceled. If applications are canceled, cooperators may reapply during the next application period. Extensions/carryovers to the next fiscal year are not permitted.

FY 20 Allocations

The formula approved by the state AgEP committee for FY 20 includes number of farms, farmland acres and average payments from FY 16–FY 18, and is based on the \$880,000 budget. 2017 Ag Census data was used.

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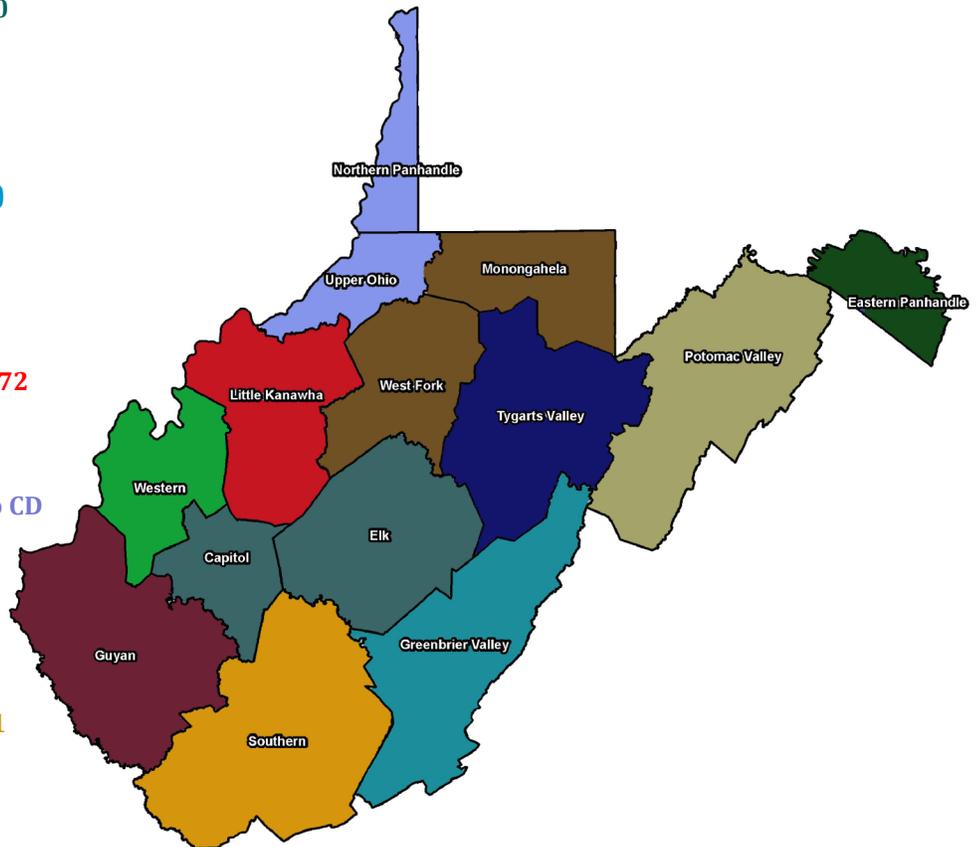
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FY 19 Summary Per Practice

Information per AgEP Database

Practices Completed in FY 19		
Practice	Unit Totals	Number of Paid Applications
Cover Crop	29.5 acres	5
Critical Area Planting	1 acre	1
Exclusion Fence	49,461 feet	36
Exclusion Fence/Watering System	1 system / 300 feet	1
Frost Seeding	1,325 acres	33
Hay/Pasture Seeding	940 acres	35
Heavy Use Protection Area	66 areas / 99,343 sq. ft.	66
Invasive Species Management*	251 acres	50
Lime	7,952 acres / 16,827 tons	234
Nutrient Management	1,743 acres	66
Pasture Division Fence	110,946 feet	71
Pasture Division Fence/Watering System	1 system / 1,800 feet	1
Pollinator Planting	6 plots	6
Pond Clean Out	4 ponds	4
Urban Agriculture	17 components	17
Watering System	53 components/systems	53
Winter Grazing	133 acres	5
<i>*ISM acres include brush acres.</i>	TOTAL:	684

State Totals:

⇒ **Total FY19 applications received - 1,247**

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

⇒ **Number of FY 19 applications processed - 1,069**

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

⇒ **Number of applications paid in FY 19 - 684**

**Based on AgEP database*

⇒ **Total Payments - \$857,765.85**

**Based on WVCA FY 19 fiscal report*

⇒ **Total cost - \$1,795,659.44**

**AgEP payment + Cooperator's Cost = Total Cost*

⇒ **Number of different cooperators paid in FY 19 - 512**

AgEP Financial Report

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Conservation District	AgEP Dollars Paid 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019	Number of AgEP Paid Applications 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019	Number of AgEP Unfunded Applications 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019
Capitol Conservation District	\$6,037.83	21	0
Eastern Panhandle Conservation District	\$80,283.21	59	0
Elk Conservation District	\$51,853.48	62	0
Greenbrier Valley Conservation District	\$86,230.72	53	16
Guyan Conservation District	\$15,128.53	20	0
Little Kanawha Conservation District	\$60,366.17	40	71
Monongahela Conservation District	\$39,688.93	39	0
Northern Panhandle Conservation District	\$137,376.34	58	0
Potomac Valley Conservation District	\$50,996.16	67	0
Southern Conservation District	\$46,133.84	40	36
Tygarts Valley Conservation District	\$95,212.47	92	41
Upper Ohio Conservation District	\$23,227.80	27	0
West Fork Conservation District	\$62,698.37	43	0
Western Conservation District	\$102,532.00	63	14
TOTAL:	\$857,765.85	684	178

FY 20 Approved Practices

- ⇒ Cover Crop
- ⇒ Critical Area Planting
- ⇒ Deer Exclusion Fence
- ⇒ Exclusion Fence/Watering System
- ⇒ Forest Stand Improvement
- ⇒ Frost Seeding
- ⇒ Hay Establishment or Reseeding
- ⇒ Heavy Use Area Protection
- ⇒ Invasive Species Management
- ⇒ Lime
- ⇒ Micro Irrigation
- ⇒ Nutrient Management
- ⇒ Pasture Division Fence
- ⇒ Pasture Division Fence/Watering System
- ⇒ Pasture Establishment or Reseeding
- ⇒ Pollinator Habitat
- ⇒ Pond Clean Out
- ⇒ Precision Agriculture
- ⇒ Riparian Forest Buffer
- ⇒ Roof Runoff Management
- ⇒ Silvopasture
- ⇒ Urban Agriculture
- ⇒ Watering Systems
- ⇒ Water Protection Exclusion Fence
- ⇒ Winter Grazing
- ⇒ Woodland Exclusion Fence

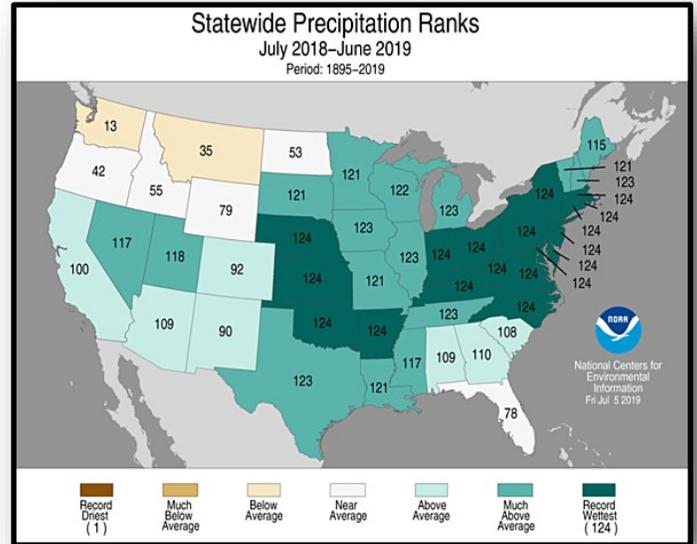


AgEP FY 19 Weather Impacts

The 12-month period of July 2018 to June 2019 was one of the wettest on record. This resulted in significantly lower rates of practice implementation through AgEP.

In April 2019 WVCA was approached by the WV Department of Agriculture about a revegetation program to assist cooperators with reseeding impacted winter feeding areas. Eleven of the fourteen conservation districts participated in the emergency program, and technical guidance was provided by WVU Extension and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

A total of 194 applications were received statewide and 151 applications were paid. This resulted in the reseeding of approximately 2,004 acres.



Conservation District	Dollars Paid	Number of Paid Applications	Number of Acres Planted
Capitol Conservation District	\$420.00	1	7
Eastern Panhandle Conservation District	\$2,877.60	4	47.96
Elk Conservation District	\$1,230.00	2	20.5
Greenbrier Valley Conservation District	\$12,036.00	5	200.6
Guyan Conservation District	\$3,105.00	8	51.75
Little Kanawha Conservation District	\$13,956.76	22	232.61
Potomac Valley Conservation District	\$37,961.80	34	632.7
Southern Conservation District	\$11,460.00	12	191
Tygarts Valley Conservation District	\$13,822.30	23	230.37
Upper Ohio Conservation District	\$300.00	1	5
Western Conservation District	\$23,073.00	39	384.55
TOTAL:	\$120,242.46	151	2,004

