

# Agricultural Enhancement Program

## Bale Grazing Application

FY26

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

Farm Information	
Capitol Conservation District	
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
Bale Grazing	Hay/Pasture with a Min. pH of 5.8 required Reimbursement will be for Temporary Fence, Posts, Reel, Chargers, and 1 Hay Ring	50% up to \$750.00	\$ _____

### Program Eligibility

#### A. Definition

Bale Grazing is a method of setting winter feed (typically round bales) out ahead of winter feeding, when the soil is dry or frozen, and controlling the portions of feed the livestock have access to on a bi-weekly or more frequent basis, similar to strip grazing stockpiled forages in the fall. Livestock access is controlled with temporary fencing (polywire, high tensile wire, step in posts, t-posts).

#### B. Purpose

Bale Grazing will incentivize producers to consider an alternative to traditional winter-feeding practices. Similar to Stockpile Grazing, Bale Grazing is an alternative winter-feeding option that utilizes parts of the farm that typically are not fed on in the winter months.

#### C. Policies for Practice

1. Applicant must be a District Cooperator.
2. Cost share is available to owner or lessee.
3. Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field along with proposed acreage.
4. \*Program is limited to 2 (two) practices per cooperator plus 1 (one) lime program.
5. \*Program cap is \$4,000.00 (One-Thousand Dollars) per cooperator.
6. Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking form.
7. After approval applicant must follow job sheets provided at the time of signing the contract.
8. **1<sup>st</sup> round invoices must be submitted December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. 2<sup>nd</sup> round, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**
9. After three years, the initial acreage is eligible for re application.

#### D. Payment rates & limits:

1. The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be **50% up to \$750.00.**
2. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received, cooperator completes a W-9 form and completion of site visit.
3. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.
4. Capitol Conservation District does not reimburse sales tax amount.
5. **Approved materials that qualify for reimbursement are Temporary Fence, Temporary Posts, Fence Chargers, and 1 Hay Ring.**

#### 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 one (3) years.

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

Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Date Received:	
Time Received:	
Ranking Score:	
If Approved:	
Bd Date Approved:	
Contract Exp. Date:	
Application #:	
Verification #:	