West Virginia Conservation Agency

FY27 Agricultural Enhancement Program

Bale Grazing Application

Application Period: November 1, 2026 - May 1, 2027

Information below MUST match that of the W9.

Name:	**Conservation District:** Capitol CD
Mailing Address:	**County:**
	Farm Name:
Telephone:	**Farm #:**
Email Address:	**Tract #:**
Application Date:	**Field # or #s:**

What is your preferred method to receive written notification?	**Email**	**Letter**
What is the best way to contact you?	**Call**	**Text**
Do you own or lease the land associated with this application?	**Own**	**Lease**
Are the fields associated with this application part of another financial incentive program?	**Yes**	**No**
Is the land associated with this application part of a farming operation?	**Yes**	**No**
Do you have a financial interest in a farming entity with a district supervisor?	**Yes**	**No**
Are you a relative of a district supervisor, WVCA Employee, or district employee?	**Yes**	**No**
Have you attended a conservation related event or workshop within the past 12 months?	**Yes**	**No**

Best Management Practice

BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate	Materials Requested
Bale Grazing	**Hay or Pasture** **Minimum pH of 5.8**	50 **% Cost** **DNE: $** 750.0	**___Hay Rings** **___Temporary Fence Supplies**

Program Eligibility

Definition:

Bale Grazing is a method of winter feeding in which winter feed (typically round bales of hay) are set out ahead of wintertime feeding when the soil is dry or frozen. During the winter-feeding season, livestock will be controlled so that access is limited to only the portion of feed that will be required for a biweekly or more frequent period.

Purpose:

Bale Grazing provides an alternative to traditional winter-feeding practices. Bale Grazing helps reduce soil erosion and compaction on a feeding area and field entrances. It also puts nutrients back into the field both from the hay left behind and livestock manure/urine distribution.

Policies for Practice:

1. Applicant must be a district cooperator.
2. W-9 tax form is required with application for district tax purposes.
3. Cost Share is available to owner and/or lessee.
4. Applicants must provide a map identifying fields and acreages.
5. WVCA standards and specs must be followed.
6. Approval will be considered on a continuous basis.
7. Application approvals will be based on ranking form and availability of funds.
8. After approval, applicant must follow job sheet provided at the time of signing contract.
9. Invoices must be submitted by June 1, 2027.

Payment rates & limits:

1. The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be a 50% rate up to $750.
2. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received, cooperator completes w-9, and a verification site visit has been completed.
3. No duplication of federal and state cost share shall be allowed.

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

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Date Received	
Time Received	
Ranking Score	
If Approved	
Date Approved	
Contract Expiration Date	
Application Number	
Verification Number	