

FY24 Agricultural Enhancement Program Pollination (Honeybee Nucleus Colonies)



West Virginia
Conservation Agency

Sign up Period: Monday, December 3, 2024 through Friday, January 3, 2025.

Return application, soil results and maps to:

Mail: 151 Aikens Center, Suite 2, Martinsburg, WV
25404 Email: tfevre@wvca.us or epcd@wvca.us
Fax: 304-263-4986
Drop off at office in door slot.

Applicant Information

Legal Name:
Mailing Address:
Telephone:
Email Address:
Application Date:

Farm Information

Conservation District: Eastern Panhandle
County:
Farm Name:
Telephone:
Email Address:
Field # or #'s:

Best Management Practice

BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate
Pollination (Honeybee Nucleus Colonies)	2 WVDA Inspected Nucleus Colonies	75% - Up to \$300.00

Program Eligibility

A. Definition

Pollination practices establish new pollinator habitat, manage/improve existing habitat, and increase healthy pollinator populations.

B. Purpose

Maintaining healthy pollinator communities and thriving pollinator habitats can improve water quality, provide habitat for other wildlife, and help stabilize and build soil structure. Healthy pollinator communities will be able to provide the service that they offer to crops that depend on them to produce fruits, vegetables, and nuts.

C. Policies for Practice

1. Applicant must be a District Cooperator (a form is available upon request).
2. A W-9 tax form will be required with application for District tax purposes.
3. Cost share is available to landowner and/or farm operator (lessee).
4. Applicant must provide one of the following documents: Written lease for current time period, 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.
6. Applicant is ineligible for a practice reimbursement if he/she starts project before District approval.
7. Property must be used as a farming operation to be eligible for the program: having the potential for producing at least \$1000 of farm products annually, \$500 if farm is less than 5 acres.
8. Applications will be accepted from December 3, 2024 at 8 a.m. through January 3, 2025 at 4 p.m.
9. Approvals will be final on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 and approvals are based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking form.
10. All practice components must be completed by Friday, June 6, 2025 by 4 p.m. and verified by receipts by Monday, June 9, 2025, by 4 p.m. No extensions will be given.

E. Payment Rates & Limits:

1. The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be 75% up to \$300 on a maximum of two nucleus colonies.
2. The payment will be made after paid invoices are received and the AEP committee has made a site visit.
3. The payment will be made within 45 days after CD has approved the payment at the monthly board meeting.
4. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.

D. Practice Specifications:

Nucleus colonies must be purchased according to the following guidelines:

1. Nuc must be sourced from West Virginia.
2. Nuc must be pre-inspected by WVDA.
3. Nuc must be at least 5 frames.
4. Honey and Pollen must be provided with the nuc.
5. Nuc must contain a new queen.
6. All State and local laws must be followed while transporting honeybees.

All State and local laws must be followed while operating an apiary. Such laws would include but are not limited to registration and inspection of hives. Cooperators must follow all WVDA best management practices on his/her apiary.

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:	
District Bd Date Approved:	
Verification #:	
Signature for Approval:	

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