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# FY26 Agricultural Enhancement Program Pollination (Pollinator Habitat Plot)

Sign up Period: Monday, June 2, 2025 through Friday, April 3, 2026



West Virginia  
Conservation Agency

## Applicant Information

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**  
(Pollinator Habitat Plot)

Not to exceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre

75% -Up to \$300.00 (*native seed mix*)

## 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. Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and a ranking process.
9. State Conservation Committee approved standards and specifications will be followed.
10. Pollinator plots will increase the diversity of plants that bloom and provide sources of pollen and nectar that will be available throughout the spring, summer, and fall.
11. Completed pollinator habitat projects will provide nesting sites for native pollinators, ground nesting birds and egg-laying sites for butterflies and moths.
12. Cooperator must purchase the recommended amount of seed for the size plot desired (1/4 acre max.).
13. The establishment of the pollinator habitat plot may be by conventional or no-till methods.
14. Maintenance activities such as mowing, spraying of pesticides, tillage of soil and grazing should be avoided while plants are in flower.
15. Cooperator agrees to maintain this practice for 5 years after the date of completion.
16. The seeding must be completed no later than May 29, 2026.

### D. Payment rates & limits:

1. The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be 75% up to \$300.
2. Maximum of 1/4 acre per applicant per fiscal year (July 2025 to June 2026).
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.

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

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

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