



FY26 Agricultural Enhancement Program Invasive Species Management Application

Application Period: April 14, 2025–May 30, 2025

Office Use Only:

Date

Time

Priority

First

Second

Applicant Information

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Date:

What is your preferred method to receive written notification? **Email/Letter**

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 for Invasive Species Management? **Yes/No**

Farm Information

MONONGAHELA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Location/County: **Monongalia Marion Preston**

Farm Name:

Farm:

Tract:

Field Names/Numbers:

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 Monongahela Conservation District Supervisor or local WVCA 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	Type
Invasive Species Management	Max. <u>30 acres</u>	50% the cost of chemical herbicide, self-applied. (Commercial application not eligible) DNE: <u>\$1,500</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Herbicide Treatment

Definition:

Control of non-native invasive species in pasture fields and along fence rows using herbicide.

Purpose:

The Invasive Species Management practice manages the spread of invasive plants which reduces negative environmental and economic impacts caused by these species.

Policies for Program:

- Applicant must be a District Cooperator. ("Conservation Agreement" forms are available upon request).
- Program is available to landowner and/or farm operator (lessee).
- Applicant is ineligible for a practice reimbursement if he/she starts project before District approval.
- No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.
- Property must be used as a farming operation.
- No more than two Ag. Enhancement Program applications will be accepted each year.
- Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and a ranking process.

Practice Specifications:

- State Conservation Committee approved standards and specifications will be followed.
- Plants to be controlled must be on the Invasive Species plant list published by the WV Division of Natural Resources or USDA-NRCS.
- Care must be given to protect soil quality, water quality, and pollinators during and after herbicide application.
- Follow all label directions.
- The applicant may use the herbicide of their choice if the pest plant to be controlled is listed on the label or has been recommended by WVU Extension or other WVDA licensed pesticide applicator.
- Only acres that are infested with invasive species will be considered for the program.
- Practice completion deadline will be **June 01, 2026**.

Reimbursement Process:

- A payment will be approved as: 1. Receipts are received; 2. Verification form is signed; 3. District approves the payment.
- All receipts and forms are due to the Monongahela Conservation District Office by **June 01, 2026**, otherwise payments may be delayed or even denied.
- Requests for deadline extension may be approved on a case-by-case basis.

Application must include the following:

1. Conservation Agreement (*if applicable*).
2. Signed application.
3. Farm map with individual fields and areas identified where the practice is proposed.
4. Lease agreement, Producer Application Form, or USDA-FSA Annual Farm Report (*if applicable*).

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

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Application and supporting documents must be received by May 31, 2024:

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