



FY26 Agricultural Enhancement Program Pollination (Habitat Plot) 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 a habitat plot? **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

Materials Requested

Pollination

Max. ¼ acre

5 frame honeybee nucleus colonies

50% up to a maximum of \$200

\$200 maximum for nucs

(May apply for both)

- ☐ Native Pollinator Seed Mix
☐ Honeybee nucleus

Definition:

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

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.

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.
- Pollinator Habitat Plot
 - 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.
 - Completed pollinator habitat projects will provide nesting sites for native pollinators, ground nesting birds and egg-laying sites for butterflies and moths.
 - Cooperator must purchase the recommended quantity of seed for the size plot desired (*1/4 acre max.*)
 - The establishment of the *pollinator habitat plot* may be by conventional or no-till methods.
 - Maintenance activities such as mowing, spraying of pesticides, tillage of soil and grazing should be avoided while plants are in flower.
 - Cooperator agrees to maintain this practice for 5 years after the date of completion.
 - The seeding must be **completed** no later than **December 1, 2025**.
- Honeybee Nucleus Colonies
 - Nuc must be sourced from WV and pre-inspected by WVDA.
 - Nuc must be at least 5 frames.
 - Nuc must contain a new queen.
 - All state and local laws must be followed while transporting honeybees.
 - Nucs must be purchased by **June 1, 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 the corresponding dates listed above, 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 30, 2025:

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