



FY26 Agricultural Enhancement Program Pollination

(Nucleus Colony) 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 nucleus colonies? Yes/No

Farm Information
MONONGAHELA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Location/County: Monongalia Marion Preston
Farm Name (Optional):
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	$\frac{1}{4}$ acre Max.: <u>2 nucs</u>	50% up to a maximum of <u>\$200</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Honeybee Nucleus Colonies

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.

Policies for Practice:

- Nucleus colonies must be purchased according to the following guidelines:
 - Nuc must be sourced from West Virginia.
 - Nuc must be pre-inspected by WVDA.
 - Nuc must be at least 5 frames.
 - Honey and pollen must be provided with the nuc.
 - Nuc must contain a new queen.
- 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.
- A beginning or advanced beekeeping course must have been completed (in past 10 years) and/or cooperator is a member of a local beekeeping organization.

Practice Specifications:

- State Conservation Committee approved standards and specifications will be followed.
- If approved, *Nucleus Colonies* must be purchased no later than **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 30, 2025:

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