



# FY26 Agricultural Enhancement Program

## Winter Grazing 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 winter grazing? **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

Winter Grazing

Not to exceed 50 acres  
(does not have to be contiguous).

Min. pH of 5.6  
Min. P and K range of Medium

50% of cost of urea (**46-0-0**) fertilizer.

Not to exceed \$3,000

### Definition:

The stockpiling of forage to extend grazing periods for livestock.

### Purpose:

The benefits of *Winter Grazing* include reducing soil erosion, protecting water quality, reducing fossil fuel requirements of farming operations (i.e. *Diesel Fuel*), and reducing farm input costs.

### 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:**

- Soil pH must be 5.6 or greater and soil fertility (P and K) in the medium range or higher.
- The use of this practice must not create an additional resource concern by winter feeding.

### **Practice Specifications:**

- State Conservation Committee approved standards and specifications will be followed.
- Tall fescue grass dominated fields are preferred.
- Before stockpiling forage -harvest hay or graze the area to a height of 3-4 inches (*July 15<sup>th</sup> – August 15<sup>th</sup>*).
- One hundred (100) pounds of Urea (46-0-0) fertilizer or equivalent will be applied per acre after livestock are removed and/or hay is cut. (*July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>*).
- All livestock must be removed, and no hay may be taken after *August 15<sup>th</sup>*.
- Acres used for *Winter Grazing* will be stockpiled from **August 15<sup>th</sup>** until all other pastures are utilized. (*Approximate date is December 1<sup>st</sup>*.)
- Field verification is required prior to grazing stockpiled forage.
- A rotational grazing system (*use of temporary fence*) is recommended on the stockpiled field(s).
- Practice will be considered complete when stockpiled forage grazing has been accomplished.
- Approved winter grazing projects must be completed by **December 01, 2025**.

### **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 **December 01, 2025**, 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. A current (*sampled in the past 3 years*) soil test result from an accredited laboratory for each field.
5. 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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