



# FY23 Agricultural Enhancement Program Invasive Species Management Application



Applicant Information
<b>Name:</b>
<b>Mailing Address:</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>
<b>Application Date:</b>
<b>What is your preferred method to receive written notification?</b> Email/Letter
<b>Do you own or lease the land associated with this application?</b> Own/Lease
<b>Do you currently own or operate a farm with a WVCA employee?</b> Yes/No
<b>Are you a dependent family member of a WVCA employee?</b> Yes/No
<b>Do you own or operate a farm with a Monongahela Conservation District Supervisor?</b> Yes/No
<b>Are you a dependent family member of a Monongahela Conservation District Supervisor?</b> Yes/No

Farm Information
<b>MONONGAHELA CONSERVATION DISTRICT</b>
<b>County Where Farm is Located:</b>
<b>Farm Name (Optional):</b>
<b>Farm #:</b>
<b>Tract #:</b>
<b>Field # or #'s:</b>
<b>Is the land associated with this application part of a farming operation?</b> Yes/No
<b>If yes, does the operation have the potential for producing \$1,000 in value from its products per year?</b> Yes/No
<b>What was the name and/or topic of the last conservation related educational event you attended?</b> Name of event:
<b>Was the event attended prior to July 1, 2021?</b> Yes/No
<b>Is the project associated with this application part of another cost-share program for Invasive Species Management?</b> Yes/No
<b>Is the treatment area associated with this application used as pasture or located along a fence row?</b> Yes/No

Best Management Practice		
BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate
<b>Invasive Species Management</b>	30 acres  Herbicide Purchases Only	75% up to \$50/ac for a maximum of <u>\$1,500</u>

## Program Eligibility

### 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. *(a form is available upon request)*
- Cost share 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 to be eligible for the program: having the potential for producing at least \$1000 of farm products annually.
- Cooperators are limited to 2 approved applications and \$7,000.00 of assistance per fiscal year (*July 2022-June 2023*).
- Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and a ranking process.

**Policies for Practice:**

- 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.

**Reimbursement Process:**

- The 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 **May 26, 2023** otherwise payments may be delayed or even denied.

**Application deadline is September 27, 2022 and must include the following:**

- Cooperator Agreement (*if applicable*)
- Signed Practice Application Form
- IRS W-9 Form
- Farm map with individual fields and areas identified where the practice is proposed.
- Lease agreement, Producer Application Form, or USDA-FSA Annual Farm Report (*if applicable*).
- When a chemical application to a boundary line fence is wanted, a written statement authorizing that treatment from the neighboring landowner must be submitted as part of this application.
- Application deadline may be extended upon Monongahela Conservation District approval.

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

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

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OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Date Received:	
Time Received:	