



# FY25 Agricultural Enhancement Program Winter Grazing Application

Office Use Only:	
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Applicant Information
<b>Name:</b>
<b>Address:</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Email:</b>
<b>Date:</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>
Are the fields associated with this application part of another financial incentive program for winter grazing? <b>Yes/No</b>

Farm Information
<b>MONONGAHELA CONSERVATION DISTRICT</b>
<b>Location/County:</b> Monongalia Marion Preston
<b>Farm Name (Optional):</b>
<b>Farm:</b>
<b>Tract:</b>
<b>Field Names/Numbers:</b>
Is the land associated with this application part of a farming operation? <b>Yes/No</b>
Do you have a financial interest in a farming entity with a Monongahela Conservation District Supervisor or local WVCA Employee? <b>Yes/No</b>
Have you attended a conservation related event or workshop within the past 12 months? <b>Yes/No</b>

Best Management Practice		
BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate
<b>Winter Grazing</b>	Not to exceed <u>50</u> acres <i>(does not have to be contiguous).</i>  Min. pH of <u>5.6</u> Min. P and K range of <u>Medium</u>	<u>75%</u> of cost of urea ( <b>46-0-0</b> ) fertilizer.  Not to exceed <u>\$3,000</u>

**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 02, 2024.**

**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 02, 2024**, 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 31, 2024:

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