



# Agriculture Enhancement Program

## Western Conservation District Application FY25

Applicant Information		Farm Information	
Name:		Conservation District:	County:
Address:		Farm Owner:	
City:	State:      Zip:	Farm Name:	
Email:	Phone: Cell:	Farm Map: USDA Farm # Field(s) Number/Name:	Tract#

### PRACTICES OFFERED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

#### LIMIT 2 PRACTICES PER FARM FOR A COMBINED TOTAL LIMIT OF \$5,000

Mark an X next to practices . No more than two. If you have a preference, circle that practice.

X	Practice (Limit 2)	Guidelines	Acres/Feet	Maximum
	<b>Lime</b>	Limit 50 ac pH below 6.0    \$28ton <i>*soil test required</i>	AC	<b>\$2,800</b>
	<b>Frost Seeding</b>	Limit 50 ac pH 5.8 or greater \$20ac <i>*soil test required</i>	AC	<b>\$1,000</b>
	<b>Division Fence</b>	Limit \$1.50 linear foot      3,333 ft limit	FT	<b>\$5,000</b>
	<b>Exclusion Fence</b>	Limit \$2.25 linear foot      2,222 ft limit	FT	<b>\$5,000</b>
	<b>Water Systems</b>	Flat Rate per Practice: spring, city water, pond, well, cistern, roof runoff On farm field visit will determine type of practice.		<b>\$5,000</b>
	<b>Heavy Use Area</b>	Watering Troughs 300 sq ft, Gates 750 sq ft	SQ FT	<b>\$1,000</b>
	<b>Pollinator Habitat</b>	Limit ½ ac max \$200 flat rate	AC	<b>\$200</b>
	<b>Invasive Species</b>	Limit 8 ac. Chemical \$40/ac Mechanical \$100/ac Heavy Mechanical \$125/ac	AC	<b>\$1,000</b>

Practices of **Lime** and **Frost Seeding** are for pasture and meadow only & require soil test results to apply.

Number and type of **MATURE** animals that will benefit from practice: Cattle \_\_\_\_\_ Sheep \_\_\_\_\_ Goats \_\_\_\_\_ Horse \_\_\_\_\_

Submit Application May 1-31, 2024, along with:

- 1) IRS Form W-9 2) Soil Test Report 3) Cooperator Agreement 4) Farm Map 5) Lease (if not owner)

**Mail To: Western Conservation District, 1204 Viand Street, Pt Pleasant WV 25550 or email [wcd@wvca.us](mailto:wcd@wvca.us)**



Signature of Applicant/Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read Program Eligibility Rules and Practice Specifications on the other side of this application. Any questions? Contact our office at 304-675-3054 or Anthony Winters, Conservation Specialist at **304-539-0663**.

## **PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY RULES:**

### **LAND MUST BE A FARMING OPERATION AS DEFINED IN WV CODE 63 CSR 1**

- Land must be in the counties of Mason, Putnam or Jackson in WV.
- Land must be engaged in the production of agricultural products.
- Applicant must be a District Cooperator.
- Applicant must submit IRS Form W-9 with application to be considered for the program.
- Farm Map denoting fields/acreages with location to install practice(s) clearly marked.
- Lease Agreement must accompany application if applicant is not the owner.
- Must provide a soil test no older than 3 years of date of application.
- If lime has been applied under our program it must wait 2 years and retest before re-applying.
- Soil Test Report must be from a certified lab, WVU is preferred.
- pH level requirement: Lime below 6.0 Frost Seeding is 5.8 or above
- NO Boundary Fence: Boundary fence must be already in place.
- Livestock must be present at least 5 months out of 12 months for division or exclusion fence practices.
- Cost share is available to operator or lessee.
- Owner of more than one farm may sign up each farm.
- Only two practices per farm with a \$5,000 cap per farm.
- Limit of two practices per farm per year.
- A tie breaker will be used if two or more applications receive the same ranking.
- Application approvals will be based on availability of funds and ranking.
- All practices must be complete, inspected and required invoices submitted with a signed Cost Verification Form by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **PRACTICE SPECIFICATIONS:**

- The practice shall be performed according to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Field Office Technical Guide (WV) standards and specifications or other approved standards in effect at the time the practices are implemented.
- Job Sheets will be provided to you with your agreement.
- No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.
- The practice shall be maintained properly for the lifespan of the longest-lived practice under agreement.
- Payment will be made only after paid invoices are received, practice is verified complete, inspected and the cooperators sign the cost verification form by May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- An IRS Form 1099 will be provided to you by the Western Conservation District for tax purposes.

## **AgEP SIGNUP May 1 – 31, 2024**

**ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE SUBMITTED OR POST MARKED BY May 31**

**WCD will notify you if you are awarded a 2025 Agriculture Enhancement Program Agreement  
Landowner/Operator agrees to participate and comply with terms set forth in that Agreement**