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FY23 Agricultural Enhancement Program Fence Application

Sign-Up: May 2, 2022 – May 20, 2022

Priority

First

Second

Third

Applicant Information

Name:

**Mailing
Address:**

Telephone:

Email:

What is your preferred method to receive written notification? Email/Letter

Do you own or lease the land associated with this application? Own/Lease

Do you have a financial interest in a farming entity with a WVCA employee working within West Fork Conservation District? Yes/No

Are you a spouse or dependent family member of a WVCA employee working within West Fork Conservation District? Yes/No

Do you have a financial interest in a farming entity with a West Fork Conservation District Supervisor? Yes/No

Are you a spouse or dependent family member of a West Fork Conservation District Supervisor? Yes/No

Does a functioning perimeter fence already exist in the field associated with this application? Yes/No

Farm Information

WEST FORK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Farm Location:

Harrison Doddridge Gilmer Lewis

Farm Name:

Farm #: **Tract #:**

Field(s) #:

Is the land associated with this application part of a farming operation? Yes/No

If yes, does the operation have the potential for producing \$1,000 in value from its products per year? Yes/No

What was the name and/or topic of the last conservation related educational event you attended?

Name/topic of event:

Was the event attended prior to July 1, 2021?

Yes/No

Is the fence associated with this application part of another cost-share program for fencing? Yes/No

Has the fence been cost-shared by AgEP or another program in the past 20 years? Yes/No

Livestock species that will be controlled with the proposed fence: Cattle/Sheep/Goat/Other _____

Best Management Practice

Please complete the following information for the Best Management Practice you would like to apply for:

Select all that Apply	Limits	Cost Share Rate	Type of Fence Requested
<input type="checkbox"/> Pasture Division <input type="checkbox"/> Water Exclusion <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland Exclusion Fence	Max. of <u>2,500 ft.</u> of fence total. Max. of <u>\$5,000</u>	Flat rate payment of <u>\$2.00</u> per completed foot	<input type="checkbox"/> High Tensile Electric Strands: _____ Electric/Non-Electric <input type="checkbox"/> Barbed Wire Strands: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Woven Wire

Program Eligibility

Definition & Purpose

A constructed barrier for livestock to:

- Reduce erosion and improve water quality by controlling livestock which currently have access to woodlands.
- Reduce erosion and improve water quality by controlling livestock which currently have access to streams, springs, wetlands, or ponds.
- To divide fields currently being used as pasture for better grazing management.

Program Policies

- Applicant must be a District Cooperator. (*Cooperator Agreement form is available upon request*)
- Applicants may be landowners or farm operators.
- Applicants that do not own the land associated with this application; additional paperwork is required. (*i.e. lease, Producer Information Form, FSA farm data report*).
- 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.
- When a farm extends across district boundaries, the district where the farm taxes are paid is the district in which you will apply.
- Applicant will not be eligible for program reimbursement if he/she starts project before District approval.
- The District cannot provide financial assistance when project funding will be provided by other government (*federal or state*) source.
- Applicant must provide an aerial map identifying tract and field numbers along with proposed acreage at the time of application. (*Maps can be obtained through the Farm Service Agency (FSA) or the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)*)
- Applicants are limited to two approved cost-share practices per fiscal year (*July-June*).
- Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and program ranking.
- All contract agreements must be completed, and receipts submitted by the deadline, or you may not be eligible to participate in the AgEP program the following year.

Practice Policies

- Boundary, road, and perimeter fence in not eligible for cost-share.
- Livestock must be using the field(s) associated with this application as pasture at the time of application.
- The District cannot cost-share to repair or replace an existing fence that has been previously cost-shared by government (*federal or state*) funds within the lifespan of the practice (*20 years*).
- Following District approval and signed agreement receipt, the practice must be completed by **05/01/2023**.
- Receipts and any documented labor (*paid or unpaid*) must be submitted by **05/01/2023**.

Reimbursement rates & limits

- The maximum cost-share rate for this practice will be up to \$2.00 per foot, not to exceed \$5,000.00.
- Maximum of 2,500 feet per applicant per fiscal year.
- Practice must be complete, and receipts must be sent to the District office by the project deadline otherwise payments may be delayed or even denied. (***No extensions will be given***).
- The reimbursement will be made after paid invoices are received, cooperator completes a W-9 form, and WFCD approves your reimbursement.

Practice Specifications

- USDA-NRCS standards and specifications must be followed.
- Cooperators must follow job sheet/design provided.
- Completed fences must connect to another fence or boundary to make a **completely fenced** paddock when project is finished, even if the entire length is not cost shared through Ag Enhancement Program.

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

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

