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# FY25 Agricultural Enhancement Program Frost Seeding Application

Sign-Up: May 6- May 17, 2024

Priority

First

Second

## 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 working perimeter fence exist surrounding the field(s) associated with this application? Yes/No

## Farm Information

WEST FORK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Farm Location:

Monongalia

Marion

Preston

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, 2023?

Yes/No

Is the frost seeding project associated with this application part of another cost-share program for frost seeding? Yes/No

Has the frost seeding associated with this application been cost-shared by AgEP or another program in the past 5 years? Yes/No

## Best Management Practice

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

| BMP           | Limits  | Cost-Share Rate   | Amount Requested | Details   |
|---------------|---|---|------------------|---|
| Frost Seeding | Not to exceed <u>50</u> acres of <u>pasture</u> .<br>Minimum pH <u>6.0</u><br>Minimum <u>Medium</u> P and K | <u>Maximum of \$1,000.00</u><br><u>60% of total cost</u><br>For seed, labor and equipment | _____ acres      | Legumes ONLY<br>Must be planted between 01/01/2025 and 02/28/2025 |

## Program Eligibility

### Definition

A method of improving pasture fields by broadcasting legume seed on frozen ground (*during January and February*).

## **Benefits**

*Frost Seeding* improves yields, forage quality, and provides nitrogen to other forages in the pasture. Frost seeding offers several advantages including the ability to establish forage in an undisturbed sod, reduced labor and energy compared to conventional seeding methods, and the ability to establish forages with minimum equipment investment. Legume blooms can also provide pollinator habitat.

## **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*).
- When a farm extends across district boundaries, the district where the farm taxes are paid is the district in which you will apply.
- Property must be used as a farming operation to be eligible for the program: having the potential for producing at least \$1,000 of farm products annually.
- Applicant will not be eligible for program reimbursement if he/she starts project before District approval.
- The District cannot provide cost-sharing assistance when a project will be cost-shared by other government (*federal or state*) funding.
- Applicant must provide a 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 AgEP the following year.

## **Practice Policies**

- The District cannot provide financial assistance on a frost seeding project when previously funding by government (*federal or state*) source within the lifespan has been received (*5 years*).
- Applicant must submit current soil sample results for each field no later than July 01, 2024. (*soil samples must have been taken on or after: 07/01/2021*).
- If pH is less than 6.0 for a field or P and K are less than a medium range, field is ineligible.
- Following District approval and signed agreement receipt, the practice must be completed by 03/14/2025.
- Receipts and any documented labor (paid or unpaid) must be submitted by 03/14/2025.

## **Reimbursement rates & limits**

- The cost-share rate for this practice is 60%, up to \$1,000 of costs of seed, seeder rental, and labor.
- Maximum of 50 acres per applicant per fiscal year (*July – June*).
- Total reimbursement will not exceed the expenses submitted at completion (*receipts*).
- A copy or picture of the seed label used which includes information such as composition and germination rate will be required to be considered for reimbursement.
- Practice must be complete, and paid 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 WFCDD approves your reimbursement.

## **Practice Specifications**

- All purchased seed must be free of prohibited noxious weed seed and have a minimum germination rate of 80%.
- Cooperators will be required to purchase the recommended amounts and species of **legume(s)** on a job sheet provided.
- Frost seeding shall be broadcast during January 01, 2025 – February 14, 2025 .

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

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

