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FY25 Agricultural Enhancement Program Pollination Application

Priority

First

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Sign-Up: May 6, 2024 – May 17, 2024

Applicant Information	Farm Information
Name:	WEST FORK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Mailing Address:	Farm Location: Harrison Doddridge Gilmer Lewis
Telephone:	Farm Name:
Email:	Farm #: Tract #:
What is your preferred method to receive written notification? Email/Letter	Field #(s):
Do you own or lease the land associated with this application? Own/Lease	Is the land associated with this application part of a farming operation? Yes/No
Do you have a financial interest in a farming entity with a WVCA employee working within West Fork Conservation District? Yes/No	If yes, does the operation have the potential for producing \$1,000 in value from its products per year? Yes/No
Are you a spouse or dependent family member of a WVCA employee working within West Fork Conservation District? Yes/No	What was the name and/or topic of the last conservation related educational event you attended? Name/topic of event:
Do you have a financial interest in a farming entity with a West Fork Conservation District Supervisor? Yes/No	Was the event attended prior to July 1, 2023? Yes/No
Are you a spouse or dependent family member of a West Fork Conservation District Supervisor? Yes/No	Is the "Pollination" project associated with this application part of another cost-share program for the same activities? Yes/No
	Have you completed a beekeeping course (in past 10 years) and/or are you a member of a local beekeeping organization? Yes/No
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
<input type="checkbox"/> Honeybee Nucleus Colonies	Two -WVDA inspected 5 frame nucleus colonies	75% up to \$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Pollinator Habitat Plot	¼ acre native pollinator seed mix	Do not exceed \$200.00

Program Eligibility

Definition

Pollination practices establish new pollinator habitat, manage/improve existing habitat, and increase healthy pollinator populations.

Benefits

Maintaining healthy pollinator communities and thriving pollinator habitats can improve water quality, provide habitat for other wildlife, and help stabilize and build soil structure. Healthy pollinator communities will be able to provide the service that they do to crops that depend on them to produce fruits, vegetables, and nuts.

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 \$1000 of farm products annually.
- **Applicant will not be eligible for program reimbursement if he/she starts project before District approval.**
- The District cannot provide financial assistance when funding will be provided by other government source.
- Applicant must provide a map identifying tract and field numbers along with proposed acreage at the time of application. (*Maps can be obtained through Farm Service Agency or Natural Resource Conservation Service*)
- 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.
- State Conservation Committee approved standards and specifications will be followed.

Practice Policies for Honeybee Nucleus Colonies

- Nucleus colonies must be purchased according to the following guidelines:
 - Nuc must be sourced from West Virginia.
 - Nuc must be pre-inspected by WVDA.
 - Nuc must be at least 5 frames.
 - Honey and Pollen must be provided with the nuc.
 - Nuc must contain a new queen.
- All State and local laws must be followed while transporting honeybees.
- All State and local laws must be followed while operating an apiary. Such laws would include but are not limited to registration and inspection of hives.
- Cooperators must follow all WVDA best management practices on his/her apiary.
- A beginning or advanced beekeeping course must have been completed (*in past 10 years*) and/or cooperator is a member of a local beekeeping organization.

Practice Policies for Pollinator Habitat Plot

- The District cannot provide financial assistance for a pollinator habitat project when previously cost-shared by government (*federal or state*) funds within the lifespan of the practice (*5 years*).
- Pollinator plots will increase the diversity of plants that bloom and provide sources of pollen and nectar that will be available throughout the spring, summer, and fall.
- Completed pollinator habitat projects will provide nesting sites for native pollinators, ground nesting birds and egg-laying sites for butterflies and moths.
- Cooperator must purchase the recommended amount of seed for the size plot desired (*1/4 acre max.*)
- The establishment of the *pollinator habitat plot* may be by conventional or no-till methods.
- Maintenance activities such as mowing, spraying of pesticides, and grazing should be avoided while plants are in flower.

Reimbursement rates & limits

- A copy or picture of nucleus colony inspection report and/or seed label 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 (*05/23/2025*).
- The reimbursement will be made after paid invoices are received, cooperator completes a W-9 form, and WFCD approves your reimbursement.

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

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____