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FY25 Agricultural Enhancement Program Watering System Application

Sign-Up: May 6, 2024 – 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

Is the field fenced currently, and can it be used as pasture? Yes/No

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

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

Does a USDA-NRCS design currently exist for the proposed watering system? 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 project associated with this application part of another cost-share program for Livestock Watering Systems? Yes/No

Has this project been cost-shared previously (state or federal) within the past 20 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 Rates	Preferred System
Watering System	Field(s) must be fenced at the time of application and demonstration need for additional water.	<u>Spring Development</u> -up to \$1,200. ⁰⁰ (pipeline and trough included)	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Development
		<u>Pipeline and Trough</u> -up to \$1,600. ⁰⁰	<input type="checkbox"/> Pipeline and Trough
		<u>Well</u> -\$24. ⁰⁰ per foot (up to 150 ft. and \$3,600 max)	<input type="checkbox"/> Well (Drilling)
		<u>Well Development</u> -50% up to \$2,400. ⁰⁰ (pumping plant, pipeline, and trough included)	<input type="checkbox"/> Well (Development) *(Up to two per year) * DNE: \$5,000.00

Program Eligibility

Definition:

To provide adequate amount of drinking water for livestock in a pasture field.

Purpose:

The purpose of a *Watering System* is to improve the quantity and quality of livestock drinking water, reduce the impact of livestock on water quality, and to improve livestock utilization of forage resources.

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 proposed location at the time of application. (*Maps can be obtained through the Farm Service Agency or the Natural Resources 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.

Practice Policies

- The field(s) where a new trough will be located must be fenced and used as pasture at the time of application.
- The District cannot cost-share to repair or replace an existing *Watering System* that has been previously cost-shared by government funds within the lifespan of the practice (*20 years*).
- After approval, applicant must work with field staff to select the best watering system for the field. Watering system recommendations will be based on the resource concern present, feasibility of the site, and cost benefit of the watering system.
- The West Fork Conservation District limits cooperators to two (2) water developments per fiscal year. Well Developments and Drilling a Well will be considered two (2) separate developments. In the instance when an additional trough is needed from a water development, that second trough will be considered a separate development.
- Following District approval and signed agreement receipt, the practice must be completed by **05/23/2025**.
- Receipts and any documented labor (paid or unpaid) must be submitted by **05/23/2025**.

Reimbursement rates & limits

- Combination of all water systems cannot exceed \$5,000.⁰⁰ per applicant per fiscal year.
- Total reimbursement will not exceed the expenses submitted at completion (*receipts*).
- Local Health Department Permit and WV Water Well Completion Report is required to receive reimbursement (*only required with well projects*).
- Practice must be complete, and paid receipts must be sent to the District office by the project deadline (**05/23/2025**) 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 must be followed for each component of a watering system.
- A well site must be approved by the USDA-NRCS geologist.
- Completed watering system must result in drinking water available to livestock (a functioning watering trough).
- Disturbed areas shall be mulched and seeded.
- A gravel heavy use area protection will be required surrounding a watering trough.
- When a trough is being fed by a pond or stream, that water source must be fenced to exclude livestock upon completion of the watering system.
- Practice will be considered complete when installed watering system is in use, disturbed areas seeded and mulched, heavy use area installed, and water source protected by exclusion fence.

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

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____