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FY25 Agricultural Enhancement Program Winter Grazing Application

Priority

First

Second

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	Are the fields associated with this application part of another cost-share program for stockpiling late season forages? Yes/No
	Are the fields associated with this application currently used for harvesting hay or grazing livestock? 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
Winter Grazing	Not to exceed <u>50</u> acres (does not have to be contiguous). <u>Soil Fertility</u> : Min. pH of 5.8 Min. P and K range of Medium	60% of costs associated with the purchase of urea (46-0-0) fertilizer.	_____ acres (Cap- 50 acres)	Stockpiling forages (from late summer until winter grazing begins). (May only apply 2 years in a row)

Program Eligibility

Definition

The stockpiling of forage to extend grazing periods for livestock.

Benefits

The benefits of *Winter Grazing* include reducing soil erosion, protecting water quality, reducing fossil fuel requirements of farming operations (*i.e. Diesel Fuel*), and reducing farm input costs.

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 (*federal or state*) 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 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

- Applicants are limited to participate in the *Winter Grazing* practice for two (2) 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*).
- A minimum pH of **5.8** for each field will be required.
- Following District approval and signed agreement receipt, the practice must be completed by **12/06/2024**.
- Receipts and any documented labor (paid or unpaid) must be submitted by **12/06/2024**.

Reimbursement rates & limits

- The cost-share rate for this practice is up to 60% of the costs associated with Urea fertilizer purchases.
- Maximum of 50 acres per applicant per fiscal year and fertilizer applications will not exceed 100lbs/acre.
- Cost-share is limited to the purchase of **Urea** fertilizer (*46-0-0*).
- 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 WFCD approves your reimbursement.

Practice Specifications

- WVCA standards and specifications must be followed.
- Fields dominated by tall fescue are well suited and are recommended for use.
- Do **NOT** begin grazing stockpiled forage in the fall until site visit has been completed.
- A rotational grazing system (use of temporary fence) is the recommended method to use your stockpiled field(s).

Timing	Activity	Details
7/15 – 9/1	harvest hay or graze	Graze to 3-4 inches
7/15 – 9/1	Add 100lbs of Urea fertilizer/acre	After final mowing/grazing
9/1 – late fall	Stockpiling forages	No mowing/grazing may occur
late fall (approximately December 1 st)	Graze stockpiled forages	Must graze all other pastures before beginning

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

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

