



# EASTERN PANHANDLE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2020 | Winter Newsletter



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## Agriculture Enhancement Program

**Applications will be accepted for these practices January 6 through February 7, 2020.**

*Funds are limited. Practices will be approved based on ranking and available funding.*

**Lime:** Provide incentive for the maintenance of cropland, hayland, pastureland, vegetables and/or orchard.

- Cost share is 50% not to exceed \$20 per ton.
- Not to exceed 75 acres per producer per fiscal year (July to June).
- Soil test is needed to apply. Test must be less than 3 years old.
- Practice must be completed by June 5, 2020.



**Frost-seeding:** An economical method of improving pasture and hay fields by broadcasting the seed on frozen ground. *Must be planted by March 15, 2020.*

- Flat rate of \$25/ac. on legume seed ONLY.
- Producers are eligible for up to 50 acres.
- Soil test is needed to apply. Test must be less than 3 years old.
- pH must be 5.6 or greater



Contact Barbie Elliott at (681) 247-3012 or [belliot@wvca.us](mailto:belliot@wvca.us) for more information

## Chesapeake Bay Program

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**Heavy Use Protection Area:** The stabilization of areas frequently being used by livestock and/or vehicles. Can be used for the following: livestock watering areas, livestock trail and walkways, loading and unloading areas, and post-harvest processing areas.

- Flat rate of \$1.06/sq. ft., not to exceed \$4,000 per producer per fiscal year.
- Practice must be completed by June 5, 2020.



**Stream Protection (livestock exclusion):** The permanent exclusion of animals from a stream.

- Cost share is 90%, not to exceed \$8,000 per fiscal year.
- Must have livestock in stream to qualify.
- Practices included fencing, watering systems, stream crossing, and riparian buffers.
- Practice must be completed by June 5, 2020.



Components	Cost per unit
Temporary Fence	with charger: \$0.36 /ft. without charger: \$0.18/ft.
Permenant Interior Fence	\$1.49/ft.
Pipeline	\$2.04/ft.
Pumping Plant	\$1,961.30/ea.
Watering Facility	\$1,118.65/ea.

**Rotational Grazing Fence (Fencing and watering trough):** The installation of new fence to facilitated handling, movement and feeding of livestock in a rotational grazing pasture environment.

- Cost share is up to \$5,000 per fiscal year.
- Must have perimeter fence already installed to qualify.
- Must be building new fence, to start a rotational grazing system.
- Must have livestock to qualify. Practices included fencing, watering systems and pipeline.
- Practice must be completed by June 5, 2020.

## EPCD Special Project Fund: Agriculture Livestock Roof Runoff Management

**Roof Runoff Management:** Assistance with installing roof runoff structures on existing agricultural livestock structures. The practices will include gutter, downspout, underground outlet, and, if needed, fascia board on two sides of the building. A concrete slab will replace concrete if it was removed to properly direct the outlet pipe away from structure.

- Must be installed on an agriculture livestock structure.
- Cost share is up to \$2,000 w/o fascia board or \$2,500 with fascia board.
- Must follow NRCS design and standards.
- Practices must be completed 6 months after you receive your design.



Components	Cost per unit
Gutters w/ Downspouts	\$4.13/ ft.
Gutters, Downspouts, w/ Fascia Board	\$6.68/ft.
Underground Outlet	\$7.93/ft.
Concrete Slab	\$4.83/sq. ft.

# 2020 EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

## Available Contests & Upcoming Dates

### January 6-February 7:

AgEP and Chesapeake Bay Program sign up period

### February:

Samara booklet requests made by 6th grade teachers to EPCD with distribution in March

### January 31:

Century Farm applications due to office

### March 2:

WVACD college scholarships due to WVACD office

### March 15:

Frost seeding must be applied by this date

### March 31:

WV Envirothon registrations due

### April 16-17:

WV Envirothon at Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center

### April 24-25:

Tree Sale pick up

### April 26-May 3:

Stewardship Week: 3rd grade seedlings distributed

### April:

Land Judging Contest TBA

### June 5:

Lime and all Chesapeake Bay Program practices must be completed by this date

### June 12:

Photo and poster contest entries due to office

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that we have educational programs based on conservation stewardship and they are available free of charge to local schools, churches, community organizations, and others. Topics can range from water cycle to rock cycle to soil conservation and anything in between. Programs can last 15 minutes to multiple days. Contact Heather Duncan for more information and to create a lesson or program to fit your needs. (681) 247-3013 or [hishman@epcd.us](mailto:hishman@epcd.us)

# Winter Ag. Educational Dinner Meetings

## Thursday, January 16—Transition Planning

Speaker: David Marrison, RSVP by noon on January 8

## Thursday, February 13—Value Added Cattle Marketing

Speaker: Bill Tucker, RSVP by noon on February 5

## Thursday, March 12—Weed Control Update

Speaker: Rakesh Chandran, WVU Extension, RSVP by noon on March 4

**LOCATION: WVU Tree Fruit Research & Education Center  
67 Apple Harvest Drive  
Kearneysville, WV 25430**

All sessions will begin at 6:30 pm. Pesticide credits are available for February and March sessions. Call the Berkeley County Extension Office to RSVP at (304) 264-1936.

Thanks to Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit, EPCD, and Berkeley County Farm Bureau for their sponsorships that make these dinners possible.

West Virginia



**CENTURY FARM**

Program

## Applications due to EPCD Office January 31, 2020

The West Virginia Century Farm Program is designed to recognize those families who have been farming the same tract of land for at least 100 years. Century Farms, Sesquicentennial Farms and Bicentennial Farms will be recognized. A Century Farm is one that has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 100 years. A Sesquicentennial Farm has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 150 years, and a Bicentennial Farm has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 200 years.

A family member must live on the farm or must be an integral part of the day-to-day operation of the farm enterprise. The farm must consist of at least 10 acres of the original holdings and gross more than \$1,000 annually from farm products. Line of ownership from the first family member owning the land may be through wives, husbands, children, brothers, sisters, nephews, or nieces.

Applications can be found at: [http://www.wvca.us/education/century\\_farms.cfm](http://www.wvca.us/education/century_farms.cfm)

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE THROUGH WVACD!

The West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts awards nine \$500 college scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan on majoring in an agriculture related field.



Students must submit applications to:

**WVACD**

**ATTN: Scholarship  
742 Airport Road  
Sutton WV 26601**



**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS BY MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020!!**

No exceptions! Do **NOT** send applications to the EPCD office.

Applications can be found at: [http://www.wvca.us/education/college\\_scholarships.cfm](http://www.wvca.us/education/college_scholarships.cfm)



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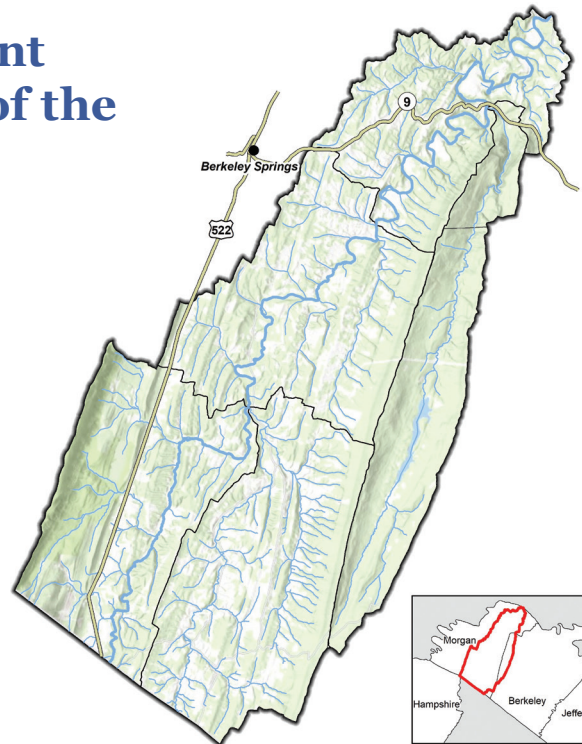
### Septic pumping reimbursement program available for residents of the Sleepy Creek watershed

If you live in the Sleepy Creek watershed you are likely eligible for the Sleepy Creek septic pumping program. We will reimburse 50% up to \$150 of the cost of pumping your septic tank.

***You must submit an application to the EPCD and be approved before you get your tank pumped. We are unable to reimburse pumpings that were done without prior approval. Funding for this program is limited; application approvals are based on available funds.***

To find out if you are eligible and to apply, contact **Kristen Bisom**:

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**Sleepy Creek watershed**