



Potomac Valley Conservation District

FY 22 Agricultural Enhancement Program

Hay Establishment Application

Sign up period: July 5, 2023 through August 4, 2023

Applicant Information	Farm Information
Name:	Conservation District:
Mailing Address:	County:
Telephone:	Farm Name:
Email Address:	Farm #:
Application Date:	Tract #:
	Field # or #'s:

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 applied for
Hay/Pasture Establishment	-Producers are eligible up to an accumulative of 50 acres per fiscal year (July to June). -Must stay in Hay for 5 years. -Must have soil tests less than three (3) yrs. old. - <u>Field is ineligible if:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · pH is less than 5.8 · P levels are below: 12 lbs./ac, 6 PPM or 28 lbs./ac of P₂O₅ · K levels are below: 76 lbs./ac, 38 PPM or 92 lbs./ac of K₂O 	Flat Rate of \$125/acre	_____ acres

Program Eligibility

- A. **Definition:** Conversion of cropland to hay or pasture.

- B. **Purpose:** Forage establishment is important to improve or maintain livestock nutrition and/or health. It can provide or increase forage supply during periods of low forage production. Also, by planting pasture and/or hay land it can reduce soil erosion and improve soil and water quality. Optimal planting dates are **August 15 through September 30, March 15 through April 15.**

- C. **Policies for Practice**
 1. Applicant must be a District Cooperator.
 2. A W-9 tax form will be required with application for District tax purposes.
 3. Cost share is available to owner or lessee.
 4. Applicant must provide one of the following documents: Written lease for current time, Current Farm Service Agency Farm Data Report or WVCA Operator Form. This will describe who is the owner and/or lessee.
 5. Applicants must provide map identifying tract and field along with proposed acreage.
 6. A current soil test within three (3) years for the field/s must be filed with the application to be eligible for sign up.
 7. If pH is less than 5.8 for that field, P levels are below: 12 lbs./ac, 6 PPM or 28 lbs./ac of P₂O₅, and K levels are below: 76 lbs./ac, 38 PPM or 92 lbs./ac of K₂O, it is ineligible.
 8. Approvals will be made in **the first week in September.**
 9. Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the AEP Forage Re-seeding ranking form.
 10. Invoices must be submitted by **May 24, 2024, 4:00PM.**
 11. Program guidelines require publication of approved applications.
 12. **Producers are only eligible for 2 AgEP practices per Fiscal Year.**
 13. **Landowner/Operator Agreement MUST be signed and returned within 45 days or funding will be forfeited.**
 14. **Beginning Fiscal Year 2023-24, cooperators must complete ALL practices that they are approved for, or they will be ineligible to apply for 1 year.**

D. Payment Rates & Limits: The maximum cost-share for this practice shall be at a flat rate of \$125 per acre.

1. Maximum of 50 acres per applicant.
2. The payment will be made within 45 days after paid invoices are received and the AEP committee has made a site visit.
3. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.

E. Practice Specifications

1. NRCS standards and specs must be followed.
2. After approval, the applicant must follow job sheets provided at the time of signing the contract.
3. Methods of seeding stands may be established either by conventional or no till.
4. **Fields must be either spray killed and/or residue tilled under.**
5. The lifespan of this practice is 5 years.

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

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Date Received:	
Time Received:	
Ranking Score:	
If Approved:	
Bd Date Approved:	
Contract Exp. Date:	
Application #:	
Verification #:	