

Potomac Valley Conservation District Agricultural Enhancement Program Frost Seeding Application

Sign up period: December 1, 2023, through January 12, 2024

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	Crop to be planted
<u>Frost Seeding</u>	Not to exceed 50 acres Seeding must be completed by March 15, 2024. Less than 5.8 pH is ineligible	\$15.00 per acre with a maximum payment of \$750.00 (50-acre Max)	_____ acres	

Program Eligibility

A. Definition

Frost seeding is an economical method of improving pasture and hay fields by broadcasting the seed on frozen ground. As the ground freezes and thaws, it opens and closes allowing the seed to be incorporated into the soil. This keeps the seed from germinating until there is a good moisture supply early in the spring.

B. Purpose

Frost seeding legumes and grasses is increasingly being used as a means to improve pasture yields or change forage species composition within the pasture. Frost seeding offers several potential advantages. These include the ability to establish forage in an undisturbed sod, a reduced need for labor and energy compared to conventional seeding methods, the ability to establish forages with minimum equipment investment, a shortened "non-grazing" period, and it is a method to maintain stands at productive levels with both grasses and legumes.

C. Policies for Practice

- Application for this practice will be available **December 1, 2023, through January 12, 2024.**
- Applicant must be a District Cooperator.
- A W-9 tax form will be required with application for District tax purposes.
- Cost share is available to owner or lessee.
- Applicant must provide map identifying tract and field along with proposed acreage.
- Applicants must also provide soil test results for field applied.
- Soil sample results must be within past 3 yrs.
- Less than 5.8 pH is ineligible.
- NRCS standards and specs must be followed.
- Approvals will be final on **the second Tuesday of February.**
- Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and based on the ranking form.
- After approval, the applicant must follow job sheets provided at the time of signing the contract.
- Seeding must be completed by **March 15, 2024.**
- Invoices must be submitted by **May 24, 2024, 4:00PM.**
- Only Legumes** are acceptable for planting.
- No duplication of federal or state dollars shall be allowable.
- Program guidelines require publication of approved applications.
- Producers are only eligible for 2 AgEP practices per Fiscal Year.**
- Landowner/Operator Agreement MUST be signed and returned within 45 days or funding will be forfeited.**

20. 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:

1. The cost-share for this practice shall be \$15.00 per acre with a maximum of \$750.00.
2. Maximum of 50 acres per applicant.
3. The payment will be made **within 45 days** after paid invoices are received, the cooperator completes a W-9 form and the AgEP committee has made a site visit.
4. No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.

E. Practice Specifications

1. All seed must be free of prohibited noxious weed seed and have a minimum germination rate of 80%. If the grower elects to use home grown seed, it must be tested for purity, germination and noxious weeds prior to seeding by a recognized seed laboratory.

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

Farm Name (if applicable): _____

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Date Received:	
Time Received:	
Ranking Score:	
If Approved:	
BD Date Approved:	
Contract Expiration Date:	
Application #:	
Verification #:	