

WINTER 2025

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the Potomac Valley
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DON'T MISS THE APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR:

*Frost Seeding and
Summer Annual Seeding*

**SIGN-UP
DECEMBER 1ST - JANUARY 9TH, 2026**

FOR APPLICATIONS AND MORE INFORMATION:

BEN HEAVNER: (304) 590-1898
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(304) 538-7581

APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE
WEBSITE DECEMBER 1ST:
[HTTPS://WVCA.US/DISTRICT/PVCD.CFM](https://wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm)

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POTOMAC VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT FROST SEEDING AND SUMMER ANNUAL SEEDING APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Agricultural Enhancement Program

Applications will be available December 1st, 2025 - January 9th, 2026
“Availability of funding is limited”

Requirements:

- Hay and Pasture Fields Only; Fields **MUST** have a pH of 5.8 or greater
- Applicant must be a District Cooperator
- A W-9 tax form will be required for payment
- Applicant **MUST** provide map identifying Tract and Field with the proposed acreage
- Applicant must provide current soil tests (taken after December 1st, 2022)

Frost Seeding

- 60% Cost Share / \$720 max per cooperator
- Not to exceed 50 acres
- **Practice must be completed by March 15th, 2026**
- **Invoices must be received by May 29th, 2026**

Warm Season Summer Annual Seeding

- \$60 per acre / \$3,000 max per cooperator
- Not to exceed 50 acres
- **Practice must be completed and invoices submitted by May 29th, 2026**

****If approved for this practice, producers are ineligible for Cover Crop practice on the same fields****

Chesapeake Bay Programs

Interior Fence & Water Facility Practice: Cost Rates will be based on USDA/NRCS EQUIP rates/\$8,000 max cost share per cooperator. Sign up period will be held in January-February 2026.

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Applications available online at:

<https://www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm>

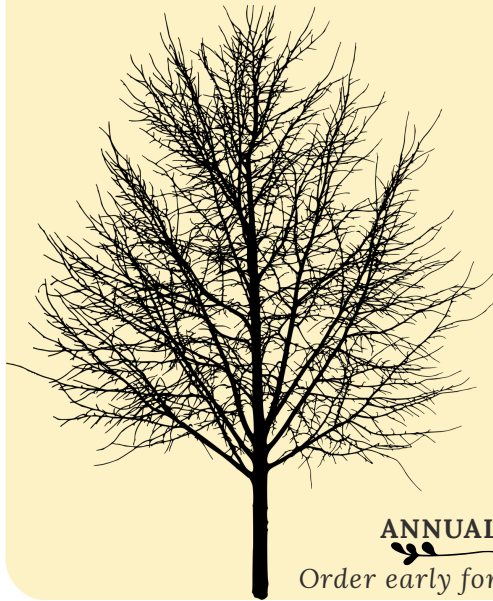
Request an application by E-mail at: pvcd@wvca.us

****Program Funding is limited/Applications will be approved based on ranking and available funding**

****New Policy:** Cooperators must complete **ALL** practices approved for, or will be ineligible to apply for 1 year

TREE SALE INFORMATION

The district will be accepting orders for trees from January 5th, 2026 to March 1st, 2026. Orders **MUST** be placed in advance and prepaid. Tree pickup will be held Friday, April 3rd, 2026 at the district shop located in Fisher.



Consider signing up for Constant Contact/Tree Sale List to stay informed about the Spring 2026 Tree Sale. This will allow direct contact about the District Tree Sale. To sign up for that communication, either call the District Office in Romney at (304) 822-5174 or use the QR code below to be directed to the sign-up page!



ANNUAL TREE SALE

Order early for the best selection!

MUDLICK RUN

This Program has been extended till August 2026.

If you haven't already, sign-up to get your septic pumped or repaired at a fraction of the cost today!

Contact Leah Aldridge at

(304) 539-3977

to see if you qualify and to sign-up!

APPALACHIAN GRAZING CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Potomac Valley Conservation District will once again offer a \$100 scholarship for one person from each county within the PVCD to help cover the cost of registration for the conference in 2026. Contact the District Office for more information.

Congratulations to the following families for being recognized by Potomac Valley Conservation District



McCauley Back Acre Farm
Hampshire County
Century Farm
100 years



Heavner Farm
Pendleton County
Sesquicentennial Farm
150 years



Little Em Cattle Company
Hardy County
Century Farm
100 years



Rock Island Farm
Hardy County
Sesquicentennial Farm
150 years



Legacy NELSON Land
Pendleton County
Bicentennial Farm
200 years



Appalachian Grazing Conference 2026

Event Locations & Dates

WVU Reymann Memorial Farm

1695 State Road 259 N, Wardensville, WV 26851

April 30, 2026

WV State Fair Grounds

947 Maplewood Ave, Lewisburg, WV 24901

May 1, 2026

WV State Farm Museum

1458 Fairground Rd, Point Pleasant, WV 25550

May 2, 2026

POTOMAC VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT HARDY COUNTY FIELD DAY

When: Spring 2026

Where: Big Ridge Farm
Lost River, WV 26801

Topic: Best Management Practice (BMP) Implementation & Nutrient Management

RSVP: Hardy County Extension Office
(304) 530-0273



Rental Equipment and Materials

The District offers a variety of rental equipment:



Poultry Litter Spreader - Minimum 80 HP required / PTO / Impact brakes available upon request - **Must be greased daily**

Rental Rate: \$150/day or \$700/week + Delivery

Cleaning Fee: \$250 (must be cleaned prior to return)

Capacity: 8 Ton (wet litter) 4 Ton (dry litter)

Size: 8' x 20' overall size / 7' x 16' inside bed

NOT AVAILABLE FOR RENT DEC 1 – MAR 1



Manure Spreader - Minimum 85 HP required / PTO / 4 hydraulic hookup required **Must be greased daily**

Rental Rate: \$150/day or \$700/week + Delivery

Cleaning Fee: \$250 (must be cleaned prior to return)

Capacity: 300 Bushel

Size: 8' x 20' overall size / 6' x 12' inside bed

NOT AVAILABLE FOR RENT JAN 1 – MAR 1



Lime Spreader - 4 Ton: 50 HP required / 8 Ton: 85 HP required / PTO / Impact brakes - **Must be greased daily**

Rental Rate: \$4 per ton + Delivery

Cleaning Fee: \$100

Capacity: 4 Ton / 8 Ton

Size: 4 Ton: 8' wide x 10' length - 8 Ton: 8' wide x 12' length



Haybuster No-Till Drill - Minimum 50 HP required

Rental Rate: \$12 per acre (\$50 Min.) + Delivery

Large and Small Seed Boxes

Seed Box Cleaning Fee: \$100 (all seed boxes and tubes must be cleaned out prior to rental return)

Size: 10' wide / 7" row spacing



Esch No-Till Drill - Minimum 100 HP required / 4 Hydraulic hookup required

Rental Rate: \$15 per acre (\$50 Min.) + Delivery

Large and Small Seed Boxes

Seed Box Cleaning Fee: \$100 (all seed boxes and tubes must be cleaned out prior to rental return)

Size: 12' wide / 5.5" row spacing



Land Pride No-Till Drill - Minimum 40 HP required

Rental Rate: \$12 per acre (\$50 Min.) + Delivery

Large, Small and Native Seed Boxes

Seed Box Cleaning Fee: \$100 (all seed boxes and tubes must be cleaned out prior to rental return)

Size: 8' wide / 7.5" row spacing



Poultry Cruster - **Must be greased daily**

Rental Rate: \$125 per house 400 ft. or less

\$150 per house over 400 ft. + Delivery

Cleaning Fee: \$200

MATERIALS

Geo Textile Woven Fabric

Sold by linear foot / 12 ft. wide

Price: \$2.00 per linear ft.

\$1.40 per linear ft. / Full roll (430 ft. roll)

Geo Textile Non-Woven Fabric

Sold by linear foot / 12 ft. wide

Price: \$3.20 per linear ft.

\$2.60 per linear ft. / Full roll (430 ft. roll)

Watson 3/4 Valve & Aluminum Float

Price: \$80.00 each

3/4" valve / 6" x 12" aluminum float for livestock troughs

Spring Tile Box and Lid

Price: \$83 box / \$37 locking lid / \$120 per set

Size: 18" x 30"

Contact the District office at 304-822-5174 for more information

**Any invoice over 90 days past due will not be eligible to rent equipment*

Potomac Valley Conservation District

2025 Conservation Farms

Wilding Woolly Farm - Non- Traditional West Virginia Conservation Farm of the Year 2025

The Yankeys' conservation philosophy has evolved into introducing conservation practices on the farm, but then minimal interference after establishing the practices and "allowing Mother Nature to continue the restoration and return to balance," Hope Yankey wrote in a farm biography. In 2022, the second-largest tree planting in West Virginia took place at Wilding Woolly in an area of the farm set aside in the Farm Service Agency's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).

The trees were planted in areas with poorer soil, on hillsides or in wet, spring-laden areas that may flood. Such land is ideal for excluding livestock. "They planted 1,100 trees in two days," she said. "It was phenomenal." A trip to New Zealand in 1993 opened Hope's eyes to a new way of doing things on the farm. The goal became to under-stock and under-graze the farm, with far fewer sheep and fewer Scottish Highland cattle. Hope and her husband also began to remove livestock from woodlands and riparian areas and moved toward using only organic and "low-impact methods in an effort to transform the soil health and habitat for plants and wildlife," Hope wrote.

Last year, the Yankeys took on streambed restoration within the Bald Knob tributary that is the beginning headwaters of the Lost River. A bulldozer helped establish two triple-tiered pooled areas to collect and dam water, and 10 log dams were erected along the stream bed. Nine trees and 55 native streambed shrubs and bushes were then planted to help shade the water to cool surface temperature for aquatic organisms. The Yankeys' other best management practices on the farm include watering facilities, exclusion, division and woodland exclusion fence, 16 Eastern bluebird boxes, wildlife friendly fencing and pollinator habitat establishment. Milkweed and thistle have been allowed to grow to welcome pollinators. The couple's efforts have led to the reintroduction of species to the farm, including a variety of birds, butterflies, bees, small mammals and aquatic life, Hope said.

"At the moment, Bev and I, in our mid-70s, are committing this farm to strictly a conservation effort in part to make sure that we can protect the Lost River watershed and the pristine environment that we've been able to produce here over the course of 45 years," Hope said.

They plan to enroll their entire property, as well as an adjoining 40-acre property they are in the process of purchasing, into a conservation easement with the Cacapon & Lost Rivers Land Trust, which will preserve the land in perpetuity. Hope and Bev's community service work includes hosting a "Lost River Clean Up" roadside trash pickup, media outreach to share their story and highlight available conservation programs, and volunteer work at Lost River State Park and Shenandoah National Park. Hope received a Women in Agriculture in West Virginia award in 2021 and obtained a Master Naturalist certification in 2018.



Left to Right: Charlotte Hoover PVCD, Ronald Miller PVCD, Beverly "Bev" Yankey Wilding Woolly Farm, Hope Yankey Wilding Woolly Farm, Lois Carr PVCD, Gerald Sites PVCD

Alexander Farm - Traditional Potomac Valley Conservation District Farm 2025



Left to Right: Paige Alexander, Molly Herrick, Stephan Cremann, Jeff Herrick, Joseph Alexander, Josh Alexander, Linda Alexander

The Alexanders run a typical cow/calf operation in Petersburg, WV. They utilize a strict rotational grazing system to utilize forages in the most efficient way possible. Their herd consists of 80 head of brood cows that calve in the spring. Cows are fed using a bale graze technique in the wintertime, then turned out late spring to utilize the rotational grazing system. Joe has implemented a Nutrient Management Plan. This is not a state requirement, but something Joe feels is useful in their operation. He has also established a buffer area as a riparian area around his spring head independently, as he is passionate about protecting the main spring head on the farm.

Joe has worked very closely with WVU Extension on numerous grazing and forage projects. Extension has also held multiple field days on the property to showcase the research and provide local education for the community. Joe has also participated in many Agricultural Enhancement Program projects with Potomac Valley Conservation District as well as NRCS Environmental Quality Incentive Program Contracts and Technical Assistance.

Potomac Valley Conservation District congratulates the Alexander Farm on being the Traditional Potomac Valley Conservation District Farm for 2025



Potomac Valley Conversation District

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District Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

WVCA Moorefield Field Office

60 C Industrial Park Road

Moorefield, WV 26836

(304) 538-7581

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