

Henricopolis Soil & Water Conservation District

2010-2011

Agriculture BMP Cost-Share Program





Henricopolis SWCD

- Virginia's Department of Conservation and Recreation administers two programs through local soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) to improve or maintain water quality through the installation or implementation of agricultural BMPs:
- Both programs offer financial and technical assistance as incentives to carry out construction or implementation of selected BMPs.



Virginia Agricultural BMP Cost Share Program

- **Voluntary** program offering incentives to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- More than 50 BMPs, both cropland and livestock practices, are available for cost-share and/or tax credit incentives



Virginia Agricultural BMP Cost Share Program

- Tax credits are available for many BMPs and for the purchase of new conservation equipment
- Low interest loans are also available to complete BMPs or purchase conservation equipment



Common Henrico BMPs

- SL-15A – Continuous No-Till
- SL-8B – Small Grain Cover Crop
- NM-1 – Nutrient Management Plan Writing
- NM-2 – Nutrient Management Plan Implementation



SL-15A

Continuous No-Till

- Cropping history two out of the past five years
- Five year practice lifespan
- Two small grains - harvested for grain only
- All crops planted using no-till methods
- Must maintain a minimum of 60% residue cover
- One time incentive payment of \$100 per acre



SL-8B

Small Grain Cover Crop

NEW
Rates!

- November 15th planting deadline
- Good stand (60 tillers/ft²) must be established by Dec 1
- Killed mechanically, chemically, or by grazing between March 15 and May 15
- Rate
 - \$25/acre
 - +\$25/acre early planting (by Oct 25)
 - +\$10/acre Rye cultivars listed in specs
 - \$60/acre potential payment



NM-1 & NM-2 Nutrient Management Plan

- **NM-1 – Writing**
 - Written by DCR certified planner (list available)
 - Rate = \$2.00/acre/year
- **NM-2 – Implementation**
 - Rate = \$5.00/acre/year
- **Both are Three Year Contracts**

New



New Henrico BMPs

- Forested Riparian Buffer: CCI-FRB
- Herbaceous Riparian Buffer: CCI-HRB
- Stream Exclusion: CCI-SE



Forested Riparian Buffer

- Five year contract following the calendar year of implementation
- A minimum of a Department of Forestry Cost Share Plan must be maintained during the contract
- Buffer width of 35 feet to the edge of the stream bank not to exceed 100 feet
- Rate: Single payment of \$100 per acre paid up front



Herbaceous Riparian Buffer

- Five year lifespan
- Buffer to be a minimum of 35 feet and no grater than 100 feet
- Buffer shall not be mowed between April 1 and August 15
- Not to be used as a roadway or equipment turning area
- Rate: Single payment of \$50 per acre paid up front



Stream Exclusion

- Five year contract following the calendar year of implementation
- Responsibility of participant to repair or replace fencing if damaged or destroyed
- Flash grazing is not allowed during the lifespan of this practice
- Single payment of \$1 per linear foot of stream bank protected paid up front



Other BMPs Available

- Cost-Share Rate: 25-75% of all eligible cost

- Examples:

Permanent Cover on Cropland

Grazing Land Protection

Stream Protection (livestock fencing and alternative water system)

Sod Waterway

Grass Filter Strips

...and more



HSWCD 2010-2011 Cost-Share Sign Up Calendar

- **Cover Crop Practices:**
August 31
- **Nutrient Management Practices:**
October 1st - November 10th (First Round)
December 1st - February 10th (Second Round)
- **No-Till Practices:**
January 1st - March 10th
- All other practices have a continuous sign-up period.



Program Year 2010-2011 Funding Caps

NEW

- Funding varies by SWCD. Areas with the greatest need, therefore, receive the greatest funding.
- Current HSWCD cap of **\$7,000** per applicant per program year for Priority and Base practices
- Current HSWCD cap of **\$900** per applicant per program year for Contractual practices
- State cap of **\$50,000** per applicant per program year – including funds received from other districts



Do You Qualify?

You may qualify for the cost-share program if:

- You are an individual, partnership, corporation, trust or other business operating a farm in VA with at least 5 contiguous acres
- There is a water quality issue on your farm that needs to be addressed; and you
- Approval is subject to eligibility and funding. In the case of limited funding, all eligible applications may not be funded. Applications for BMPs having the most impact on water quality will be given priority for funding.



HSWCD Sign-up Procedure

- Request a Producer Participant Pack from Henricopolis SWCD. The participant pack contains forms and more detailed information about the program.

(804) 501-5175

- Submit a complete and timely application to Henricopolis SWCD.



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