No-Till Drill Rental

Increases seed germination and reduces soil erosion and soil moisture evaporation.

Rental Details:

- For all small grain seeding, solid stand beans, alfalfa, clovers, and grasses
- Haybuster 107 (10') and Haybuster 77 (7')
- \$120 flat fee for 10 acres or less
- \$12/acre for 10.1 acres and above
- Free delivery and pickup within Amelia,
 Nottoway, and Prince Edward Counties

Natural Resource Planning Services

Grazing Plan Assistance

Receive assistance with the design of a prescribed grazing plan for better forage utilization and healthier pastures. Free of charge.

Conservation Planning Assistance

Receive assistance with farm-wide conservation planning. Free of charge.

Resource Management Planning Program

A certification that helps producers meet future state standards associated with nutrient, sediment, and water quality. Certification is valid for 9 years provided the producer continues to implement the plan. Participation is voluntary.

Program Details

- Participation in the Virginia Agricultural Costshare Program is <u>voluntary</u>
- Applicants must follow an application and approval process
- For more information, contact the Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District staff (information below)

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Most Popular Practices

Cover Crops

- Best Management Practices designed to reduce soil erosion and capture excess nutrients on cropland.
- Incentive payments based on acres planted
- Killed Cover
- Harvestable Cover
- Legume Cover



Conversion of Cropland to Grass

- Incentive payment based on acres planted and practice lifespan
- 75% cost share on eligible establishment costs

Riparian Forest Buffer

- Incentive payment based on acres planted and practice lifespan
- Hardwood or conifer options
- 95% cost share on eligible establishment costs



Livestock Stream Exclusion

Many new options!

- Cost share rates (up to 100%) based on buffer width and practice lifespan
- Rental payment on wide buffers
- Options for water source
- New grazing management practices



Continuing Conservation Initiative

Incentive payments to maintain voluntarily installed conservation practices or out of lifespan cost share practices

- Forest or herbaceous buffers
- Stream exclusion fence
- Stream exclusion fence and associated water system
- Continuous No-Till planting system

Nutrient Management

Protect water quality while maximizing production and reducing nutrient runoff, therefore increasing efficiency and saving on costs.

Nutrient Management Plan Writing

- Plans written or revised by Virginia certified private planner
- Incentive payments based on acres enrolled and manure source

<u>Precision Nutrient Management on Cropland</u>

- Nitrogen and Phosphorous Options
- 75% cost share on application charge, maximum of \$8/acre