

# BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR VIRGINIA AGRICULTURE

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**Piedmont Soil & Water Conservation District**

Serving Amelia, Nottoway, and Prince Edward Counties

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## Program Details

- Participation in the Virginia Agricultural Cost-share Program is voluntary
- 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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## Acknowledgements

The Virginia Best Management Practice Cost-share Program is administered by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation through local soil and water conservation districts. The program offers cost-share and tax credit incentives for the voluntary installation of BMPs to meet Virginia's non-point source pollution water quality objectives.



## 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.

# 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
- \_May receive tax credit in lieu of



## 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

## Precision Nutrient Management on Cropland

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