The Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost Share Program currently has available funding through Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District for the following conservation practices.

Program Eligibility requires: minimum 5 contiguous acres, minimum $1,000 gross receipts per year from the sale of agricultural or forestry products for those acres for the most recent 5 years. Call us for further details.

- **Grazing Land Management with Stream Exclusion, SL-6W**
  - Stream exclusion fencing and water development
  - Includes fence, well, water troughs, pipe, stream crossings, rotational fence, etc.
  - Covers 85% of estimated cost with 35’ buffer & 100% with 50’ buffer
  - Buffer payment rate of $80/acre/year paid upon installation of all practices
  - 10 and 15 year contracts available

- **Stream Exclusion with Narrow Width Buffer, SL-6N**
  - Stream exclusion fencing and water development with reduced setback
  - Includes fence, well, water troughs, pipe, stream crossings, rotational fence, etc.
  - Covers 60% of estimated cost with 10’ buffer & 70% with 25’ buffer

- **Grazing Land Management, SL-10**
  - Requires stream exclusion fencing
  - Designed to improve forage quality & quantity through prescribed grazing practices
  - $75 per acre for a 3 year commitment

- **Reforestation of Erodible Crop and Pastureland, FR-1**
  - 75% of eligible cost for planting trees (hardwoods or conifers)
  - Additional $100/acre for 10 year incentive and additional $150/acre for 15 year incentive

- **Woodland Buffer Filter Area, FR-3**
  - Planting trees in riparian areas
  - 95% of estimated costs for planting conifers or hardwoods
  - Conifer buffers: additional $100 per acre for a 10-year lifespan, OR $150 per acre for a 15 year lifespan
  - Hardwood buffers: additional $100 per acre for a 10 year lifespan, OR $250 per acre for a 15 year lifespan.

- **Cover Crops, SL8B, SL8H, WQ4**
  - October 10th, cut off for harvestable cover crop and early planting date for cover crops to be killed in the spring
  - November 1st, cut off planting date for kill down crops
  - RATES: $20/acre to harvest, up to $48/acre to kill, and $30/acre for legumes
Nutrient Management Planning, NM1A
- $2 to $4/acre to have a nutrient management plan written for your farm
- Precision agriculture nitrogen and phosphorus application payments available
- A great way to save money on input costs!

No-Till and Cropland Conversion, SL15A, SL15B, SL1
- Up to $70/acre to convert from conventional tillage to a no-till system for 5 year lifespan.
- Up to $340/acre to convert cropland to permanent hay or pasture for 10 year lifespan.

Grassed Waterway, Grass Filter Strips, and Critical Area Seeding, WP-3, WQ-1, SL-11
- Up to 75% of estimated costs to grade and seed gully erosion
- Up to 75% of estimated costs to establish grass filter strips along waterways adjacent to crops, hayland, or animal holding areas
- Up to 75% of estimated costs to grade, fill, and seed critically eroding areas

Streambank Stabilization, WP2A
- Up to 75% of estimated costs to grade, slope and revegetate stream banks to stop and prevent bank erosion.
- Can include stabilized livestock access to water or stream crossing
- 5 year lifespan

Continuing Conservation Initiative
- For existing fence, water systems, stream crossings and riparian buffer which are not under contract
- $0.50-$1.25/linear foot of stream bank protected with fencing
- $250-$1,000 per water system, water trough or stream crossing
- $50-$200 per acre of existing buffer
- New practice for this program year!

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