

AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD & MARKETS

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Cropping and Tillage Application

The goal of the FAP Grant Program is to encourage the implementation of soil-based practices that improve soil quality, increase crop production, and reduce erosion and agricultural waste discharges. See the FAP Fact Sheet for more information about the FAP grant program and practice requirements. There is a maximum cap among all Farm Agronomic Practice Program grants of \$5,000 per farm per year provided funding is available.

Application for a Farm Agronomic Practice Program Grant

Conservation Practices covered by this application:

- 1. *Strip Cropping (up to \$25/acre);*
 - 2. *Conservation Crop Rotation (up to \$25/acre);*
 - 3. *Cross-Slope Tillage (up to \$10/acre);*
 - 4. *Zone-Till, No-Till, Mulch-Till and Aeration Tillage* (up to \$12/acre); and*
 - 5. *Alternative Manure Incorporation* (up to \$25/acre).*
- *NOTE: CCPI applicants should fill out this form for \$12/ac**

1. Applicant Information for Administrative Purposes

Name _____ Farm/Business Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Federal ID # of Farm/Business _____ Social Security # (If no Fed ID #) _____

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Phone () _____ - _____ Email _____

2. Conservation practice and field information. Please fill out one line for each field. Additional space is on the next page.

MAPS SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE REQUESTED FIELDS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH APPLICATION.

Conservation Practice	Tract	Field	Acreage	2010 Crop	2011 Crop	Date Implemented or Anticipated	Is field Highly Erodible?

Applications must be received by December 1 and prior to implementing practices.

This grant application must be fully completed, signed, and submitted to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets, hereby referred to as the Agency, for eligibility. If selected, you will be notified by the Agency. You must submit a notice of practice completion and a claim for payment to the Agency in the year you were approved in order to receive grant funds (for fall enrollment the deadline is December 31st and for spring enrollment the deadline is June 30th). Claims for payment must include a copy of work performed and additional supporting information as outlined on the FAP Fact Sheet available online at <http://www.vermontagriculture.com/ARMES/awq/FAP.htm>

To be eligible for funding the participant must be in good standing with the Agency of Agriculture regarding regulatory requirements and resulting penalties. Funds are dependent on State allocation and are prioritized and distributed by the Agency. Any land under contract to receive payment for a practice or otherwise currently within a contract lifespan for a practice from any other state or federal program may be ineligible to receive FAP Grant Program payments for the same conservation practice.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Agency from any liability resulting from the use of program funds or from the implementation of these practices. I agree that failure to comply with the terms of this grant agreement or the duplication of any other funding program may result in exclusion from payment of claims and liability for returning the full amount of claims paid. I hereby authorize the NRCS to release information to the Agency concerning the location (including tract and field numbers) and the extent of cropland (including crop history for current year and acreage planted by field listed on this application) to make eligibility determinations. This information will remain privacy protected by the Agency as per a signed agreement between the USDA and the Agency.

Signature _____ Date _____

