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Farm Agronomic Practices (FAP) Program

Our goal is to encourage the implementation of soil-based practices that improve soil quality, increase crop production, and reduce erosion and agricultural waste discharges.

- \$3 per acre up to \$1,000 maximum for NMP Maintenance/Update
- \$30 per acre for Cover Cropping
- \$50 per acre for Strip Cropping
- \$25 per acre for Conservation Crop Rotation
- \$10 per acre for Cross-Slope Tillage
- Up to \$1,000 maximum for Educational and Instructional Activities
- New Practices**
- \$8 per Pre-Sidedress Nitrate Test
- \$10 per acre for Conservation Tillage

up to \$5,000 per farm

Application for a Farm Agronomic Practices Program Grant

<p>1. Applicant Information</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Farm/Business _____</p> <p>Federal ID # of Farm/Business _____</p> <p>Social Security # (If no Fed ID #) _____</p> <p>Mailing Address _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>3. Educational and Instructional Activity Grants</p> <p>Attach a description of the proposed activity, target audience, and a copy of the learning materials.</p>	<p>2. Soil-Based Practices</p> <p>Select the practice(s) you wish to enroll for. You must list tract and field numbers, acreage, and cropping information to be eligible.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">Practice</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Tract and Field Number(s)</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Acreage</th> <th style="width: 15%;">2008 Crop</th> <th style="width: 20%;">2009 Crop</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> NMP Maintenance/Update*</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Cover Cropping</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Strip Cropping</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Crop Rotation</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Cross-Slope Tillage</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Sidedress Nitrate Test</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Tillage</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*Do you have a completed NRCS TPC590 NMP (2003 or newer) or a completed state NMP Incentive Grant and are no longer receiving payment for either? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	Practice	Tract and Field Number(s)	Acreage	2008 Crop	2009 Crop	<input type="checkbox"/> NMP Maintenance/Update*					<input type="checkbox"/> Cover Cropping					<input type="checkbox"/> Strip Cropping					<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Crop Rotation					<input type="checkbox"/> Cross-Slope Tillage					<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Sidedress Nitrate Test					<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Tillage				
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This 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 completion and a claim for payment to the Agency within one (1) year of acceptance. Claims for payment must include a copy of work performed and additional supporting information as outlined on the FAP Fact Sheet. A copy of the FAP Fact Sheet is available online at <http://www.vermontagriculture.com/ARMES/awq/FAP.html>

Funds are dependent on State allocation and are prioritized and distributed by the Agency. Priority is given to those farms seeking financial assistance for NMP Maintenance/Update and/or Cover Cropping. Any land under contract to receive payment for cover cropping, strip cropping, conservation crop rotation, cross-slope tillage, pre-sidedress nitrate testing, conservation tillage, or otherwise currently within a contract lifespan for one of these practices, from any other state or federal program is ineligible to receive FAP 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 contract 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 and extent of cropland currently receiving federal financial assistance to develop and implement agronomic practices through any USDA conservation program.

Signature _____ Date _____

