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Farm Agronomic Practice Program Application
For conservation practices planned from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Before completing this form, please review FAP program information and practice requirements, and complete and attach an Act 154 Good Standing Certification Form. If you are requesting assistance for rotational grazing, attach a grazing plan and grazing maps for your farm. Submission of this application does not guarantee grant funding.

- Grants are limited to a maximum of \$8,000 per farm operation, per State fiscal year.
Funding rates may change due to program demand and funding availability.
Applications are due June 15 for Rotational Grazing, August 1 for cover cropping, or 30 days prior to practice implementation for all other practices. Please submit one application for all practices planned until June 30, 2022.
The Agency will review applications in order of receipt. The Agency may not fund all applications.
Claim Forms, including corresponding shapefiles or maps of the location of implemented practices, are required within 30 days of completing practice implementation or you may not be eligible for payment.
Farms must be in good standing with the State of Vermont to be eligible for Water Quality Technical and Financial Assistance, as defined in 6 V.S.A. § 4802.

1. Name Phone () -
(as shown on your income tax return)

2. Business Name
(if different from above)

3. Mailing Address
Town, State ZIP

4. Email

5. Farm Operation Size: SFO CSFO MFO LFO
6. Preferred Method of Signing Documents: Email Mail E-Signature

Table with 4 columns: Practice, Rate, Acreage, Planned Implementation Date*. Rows include Cover Crop - Broadcast or Interseeded, Cover Crop - Drilled or Otherwise Incorporated, Crop to Hay, Crop to Hay with Nurse Crop (e.g. oats), Rotational Grazing, Conservation Tillage (No Till), No Till Pasture and Hayland Renovation, Manure Injection.

*For all practices from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. If you are unsure, please provide earliest possible date of implementation. Use turn out date for rotational grazing.

APPLICATION CONTINUED....				YES	NO
7. Do you have a current conservation practice contract through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) or Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)? <i>Please be aware that you cannot receive double funding for the same practices on the same fields from NRCS and VAAF.</i>					
8. Are any of the fields where you plan to implement practices next to surface water (ditch, stream, river, lake, pond, or conveyance)?					
9. Are the fields where you plan to implement practices subject to frequent flooding (tend to flood most years)?					
10. Have you ever received funding through the FAP Program in the past?					
11. Select the major watershed(s) in which you plan to implement practices funded by the FAP program:					
Lake Champlain	Lake Memphremagog	Connecticut River	Hudson River		
12. Lake If you are located in the Lake Champlain watershed, select the tactical basin watershed(s) in which you plan to implement practices funded by the FAP program. See the Vermont Tactical Basins for a map.					
Missisquoi Bay	Southern Lake Champlain	Otter Creek	I am not sure.		
Winooski	Northern Lake Champlain	Lamoille	Not applicable		
13. If you would like a service provider (Technical Service Provider, UVM Extension, Conservation District staff member, or other) included on all correspondence related to your request for assistance, please provide their name and email address below.					
Name:			Email:		
<i>The following section is required only if your application includes Rotational Grazing:</i>				YES	NO
14. Have you previously received financial assistance through NRCS EQIP for prescribed grazing?					
a. Have you exceeded your years of eligibility for grazing assistance through NRCS programs for prescribed grazing?					
15. Have you been denied funding through NRCS programs (for a reason other than eligibility)?					
16. Will you be implementing any improvements in your grazing system as a direct result of this FAP funding e.g. increased frequency of animal moves or additional grazing infrastructure?					
17. Please attach your completed grazing plan and maps to this application. There is a template available on the agency website if you do not have a full grazing plan for your farm. <i>Please note that applications that do not include a Rotational Grazing Plan will not be considered for funding.</i>					

*This grant application must be fully completed, signed, and submitted to the Agency for consideration. If selected, a grant agreement will be sent to you by the Agency. **Practices implemented prior to a fully executed grant agreement may not be eligible for payment.** Eligibility requirements include that farms are in good standing with the State of Vermont. Good standing for Water Quality Technical and Financial Assistance is defined in 6 V.S.A. § 4802. Any land under an agreement to receive payment for a practice, or within a contract lifespan for a practice from any other state, federal, or private program may be ineligible to receive FAP payments for an equivalent conservation practice.*

I hereby authorize the NRCS to release information to the Agency concerning the location (including tract and field numbers) and the extent of cropland on my farm (including crop history for current year and conservation practice implementation by field under contract for any NRCS program) to make eligibility determinations in relation to this application.

Signature _____ Date _____ (Rev. 04/2021)