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Farm Agronomic Practice Program Application

- Grants are limited to a maximum of \$8,000 per farm operation, per State fiscal year.
Applications due 30 days prior to implementation, June 1 for Rotational Grazing, and August 1 for cover cropping.
Funding rates may change to due program demand and funding availability.
Grant reports including maps required within 30 days of practice implementation or you may not be eligible for payment.

Applicant Information for Administrative Purposes:

- 1. Name Phone
2. Business Name
3. Mailing Address
Town, State ZIP
4. Email
5. Farm Operation Size (circle): SFO CSFO MFO LFO Other

Practice Information:

6. Conservation practice: Please fill out one line for each conservation practice. If you anticipate implementing more than one practice, please complete acreage and date for each conservation practice.

Table with 4 columns: Practice, Rate, Acreage, Planned Date of Implementation*. Rows include Cover Crop (Broadcast, Helicopter, Drilled), Conservation Crop Rotation, Rotational Grazing, Conservation Tillage, No Till Pasture, and Manure Injection.

*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 VAAFM.</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 frequently flooded (tend to flood most years or are designated as frequently flooded soil classification)?					
10. Have you ever received funding through the FAP Program in the past?					
11. Select the major watershed where the fields where you plan to implement are located:					
Lake Champlain	Memphremagog	Connecticut River	Hudson River		
12. How did you hear about this program? Please check all that apply.					
Agriview	Technical Service Provider (TSP)	UVM Extension	Word of mouth		
Conservation District	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	Agency of Ag website	Other		
<i>The following section is required only if your application includes Rotational Grazing:</i>					ACRES
13. Total FAP eligible acres included in Rotational Grazing Plan that meet FAP Rotational Grazing Practice Requirements (<i>excluded from surface water, at least three inches residual vegetation, access to surface water limited to well managed discrete watering areas and livestock crossings only, records of rotational pasture management and twice weekly moves</i>):					
a. Total acres included under Rotational Grazing Plan (including acres ineligible for FAP):					
b. Total acres of eligible FAP grazed acres getting hayed:					
c. How many cuts typically?					
				YES	NO
14. Have you previously received financial assistance through NRCS for prescribed grazing?					
15. Have you been denied funding through NRCS programs for prescribed grazing?					
16. Will you be implementing any improvements in your grazing system e.g. increased frequency of animal moves or additional grazing infrastructure?					
17. Please attach your grazing plan 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. If your plan has not changed since a previous FAP grant, please indicate that, and include the list of fields or map, that you are submitting for payment under this program. Required elements of a grazing plan are: (1) Grazing Plan Description and Overview, (2) Maps and Acreages submitted for payment under this program, (3) Grazing Infrastructure (4) Recovery and Rest Period Considerations, and (5) Animal Numbers and Forage Requirements.</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.** To be eligible for funding the participant must be in good standing with the Agency regarding regulatory requirements and resulting penalties. Funds are dependent on State allocation and are prioritized and distributed by the Agency. Any land under an agreement to receive payment for a practice, or within a contract lifespan for a practice from any other state or federal program may be ineligible to receive FAP payments for the same 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. 04/2020)