

# 2013 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative (CBWI) At A Glance



**Do you want to improve your operation with:**

- ✔ **Nutrient Management and Animal Waste Handling?**
- ✔ **Grazing Systems, Watering Facilities, and Fencing?**
- ✔ **Cover Crops and Rotations?**
- ✔ **Tree Planting and Stream Fencing?**

**Applications accepted continuously.**

## Program Description



The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative (CBWI) provides producers with technical and financial assistance to minimize excess nutrients and sediments in order to restore, preserve, and protect the Chesapeake Bay.

CBWI activities are carried out according to a conservation plan developed with the producer. Priority practices can be used to complement practices available through state cost-share programs. Payments vary by individual practice and can be viewed at [www.va.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/](http://www.va.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/).

*NRCS will offer incentive payments for specific conservation practices related to livestock exclusion and buffers, nutrient management, crop rotations, and cover crops. Many additional conservation practices will also be eligible for financial assistance. The chart below lists examples of **priority** conservation practices. **Companion** practices such as animal walkways and trails, pumping plants, contour farming, and fences are also eligible for financial assistance.*

2013 Resource Concerns	Description	Sample Practices
<b>Animals in Confinement</b> 	<p>Assistance with animal waste storage and handling facilities for livestock including dairy, swine, and poultry and to apply organic nutrients more efficiently.</p> <p>A Virginia comprehensive nutrient management plan (CNMP) is required when payment is for a waste facility. Funding under EQIP may be available to assist with development of CNMP.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste Storage Facility</li> <li>• Composting Facility</li> <li>• Nutrient Management</li> </ul>
<b>Grazing Lands</b> 	<p>Assistance to plan and implement rotational grazing systems, establish riparian buffers, and apply nutrients more efficiently.</p> <p>For prescribed grazing payments, all components of the prescribed grazing plan must be in place and livestock managed according to the plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nutrient Management</li> <li>• Riparian Buffers or 10-Foot Setbacks</li> <li>• Pasture &amp; Hayland Planting</li> <li>• Fencing</li> <li>• Water Troughs and Pipelines</li> <li>• Prescribed Grazing</li> </ul>

## Cropland



Assistance to improve soil quality with crop rotations, cover crops, and high residue crop production, using no-till with erosion control practices.

Payments may only be made to applicants who have not adopted the practice on fields that will be in the contract.

- Nutrient Management
- Conservation Crop Rotation
- Residue & Tillage Management
- Cover Crop
- Grassed Waterways
- Filter Strip
- Field Borders

Producers should contact their local NRCS office to determine if they are in a high priority watershed (see map below).

Applicants located within these areas can sign up for specific practices under CBWI with priority ranking.

Interested individuals should apply as soon as possible so NRCS staff can begin processing applications and developing conservation plans.

