



# West Virginia Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture Membership Application



The Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture program is dedicated to the integration and support of veterans, firefighters, law enforcement, emergency services personnel and first responders entering or currently working in agriculture to benefit their health and welfare, as well as the state's agricultural economy.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary/Cellular Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please make sure email is legible.)*

Farm or Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Affiliation:  Veteran       Active Military/National Guard/Reserve       Spouse/Dependent       Gold Star Family Member  
 EMS       Law Enforcement       Firefighter       First Responder

*(Optional):*

Military Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Rate/MOS: \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Job/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Method of Contact:  Mail       Email       Phone

How did you hear about the program?  Social Media     Internet     Referred by Current Member

Event (*Event Name*) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently receive the following?

WVDA Market Bulletin     Yes     No    *If "No", would you like to sign up to receive the Market Bulletin?*     Yes     No

WVDA E-News     Yes     No    *If "No", would you like to sign up to receive E-News notifications?*     Yes     No

What experience do you have in agriculture? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your interests in agriculture? (i.e. bee keeping, livestock, high tunnels, gardening, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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May we share your information with other agencies that can potentially assist you? (i.e. growing co-ops, education services, etc.)

Yes  No

Are you interested in education and training opportunities in agriculture?  Yes  No

Do you or someone in your family desire Farm Stress and related resources?  Yes  No

**\*Farm stress:**

- Experienced by farmers and their families due to the unique agricultural work environment.
- Fear of losing a farm is more than just closing a business; it's tied to generational legacy and identity.
- Challenges include unpredictable weather, crop disease, volatile markets, heavy workloads, and social isolation.
- Farm stress is associated with increased levels of anxiety and depression, and farmer suicide rates are higher than the national average.

WVDA Business Planning Coordinators provide local assistance in marketing, business development and technical support. Would like to be contacted by one of our coordinators?  Yes  No

The Homegrown By Heroes (HBH) label is the **official farmer veteran branding program of America**. The label serves to inform consumers that agricultural products donning the logo were produced by U.S. military veterans. Additionally, farms and agricultural businesses displaying the logo denotes a Homegrown By Heroes-certified operation.



Have you applied for the Homegrown By Heroes program?  
 Yes  No

Are you interested in further information about the program?  
 Yes  No

West Virginia Grown is the state's premier branding program for agricultural products. The West Virginia Grown logo indicates to buyers that the product was grown or processed with quality ingredients in the Mountain State. West Virginia Grown is an important component in helping grow and diversify the state's economy, as well as expand local food systems throughout West Virginia.



Have you applied for the WV Grown Program?  
 Yes  No

Are you interested in further information about the program?  
 Yes  No

A merged mark combining the WV Grown and the Homegrown By Heroes logos once the applicant is enrolled in both programs. The mark certifies farmers and ranchers of all military eras to sell their product as veteran and locally owned and produced. In order to use this logo, you must first be a member of the Farmers Veteran Coalition, then the WV Grown Program.



**Please note that a DD214 is NOT required for admittance to the program. Please do not enclose any form of verification with this application.**

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERDEPARTMENTAL**

Membership Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ABD Staff Initial: \_\_\_\_\_