

Application for Enrollment
_____ County
Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) Program

Q: Does your farm qualify as a VAD?

A: Farmland must:

- Be engaged in agriculture as defined by NC G.S. 106-581.1 or meet the bona fide farm definition as defined by NC G.S. 153A-340.

Essentially, the farmland must either produce a crop, grow ornamental plants, raise livestock, produce timber, engage in aquaculture, produce and market on-farm value-added products, maintain farm structures, or store grain.

- Manage farm to address NRCS defined Highly Erodible Land, if necessary.
- Agree to prohibit nonfarm use or development for at least 10 years.
- Be located in unincorporated area of the County or in a municipality with a VAD Memorandum of Understanding.

Steps of the application procedure:

1. Access the application online or obtain an application from Chatham Soil & Water Conservation District or the _____ County Cooperative Extension Office.
2. Complete and submit the application. You may complete the application online, return a hard copy to one of the above offices, or mail to:
3. The application will be reviewed for eligibility by staff. If a farm visit is needed, staff will request access.
4. After eligibility review, the application will be presented to the _____ County Agricultural Advisory Board, who will approve or deny the request.
5. The applicant will be notified in writing of the Board's decision.
6. Upon approval, the VAD parcels will be mapped and made public.

If you have any questions about this application, please contact the _____ Soil and Water Conservation District at (xxx)xxx-xxxx .

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Applicant Information

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone (home): _____ Phone (cell): _____

Property Information

Owner(s): _____

Crop (list): _____

Agricultural Products: Livestock (list): _____
 (check all that apply) Horticultural Timber Aquaculture
 Other (list): _____

Tax Parcel Information

Parcel #	Street Address	Acres	FSA Farm & Tract

*If more space is needed, attach an additional page.

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Conservation Agreement:

Effective upon approval by the _____ County Agricultural Advisory Board, and County Commission I/we agree to sustain, promote and encourage agriculture within this Voluntary Agricultural District as required by the VAD Ordinance. I/we hereby enter into a Conservation Agreement as defined by N.C.G.S. 121-35 with _____ County to prohibit non-farm use or development of such land for a period of at least ten (10) years. Approval of this application by the Advisory Board and County Commission shall cause this Conservation Agreement to be a binding contract between the landowner and the County.

By checking this box, I/we have read and agree with the above statement.

*This agreement and therefore participation in the VAD Program can be revoked by written notice from the landowner to the Agricultural Advisory Board at any time. The Board may also revoke enrollment based on noncompliance by the landowner. At the end of a ten year term, if land continues to qualify, the agreement will automatically renew unless the landowner provides written notice of intent not to renew.

I/we wish to enroll farmland in the VAD Program:

Owner Printed Name	Signature	Date

(For Office Use Only)	Date received: _____	Application Number: _____
Eligibility Reviewer: <hr/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Meets Ag Definition	<input type="checkbox"/> Managed for HEL
	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Meets Location Requirements
	Comments:	
Ag Advisory Board <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied		Date: _____
Comments:		