Practical Farmers

Cost-Share for Extended Rotations

Attention Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin Farmers!

- Earn up to \$20 per acre for growing a small grain (barley, oats, rye, triticale, wheat) with a legume cover crop.
- Earn an additional \$20 per acre for reducing nitrogen on corn that follows your small grain in rotation.

Programs available

Small Grains Cost-Share \$20 per acre, up to 400 acres

Grow a small grain that will be harvested (grain or forage) and follow it with a frostseeded or summer-planted cover crop that contains at least one **legume** species (double- or relay-cropping soybeans is not eligible for cost-share).

Fertilizer Cost–Share \$20 per acre, up to 400 acres

Reduce Nitrogen application by 40 units (compared to your typical N rate in a two-year system) OR apply no more than 100 units of Nitrogen to corn harvested in 2024 that followed your small grain + cover crop in rotation.

Learn more and sign up for one or both programs by visiting bit.ly/SmallGrainsCostShare or calling the Practical Farmers' office at (515) 232-5661.

Program eligibility requirements:

Acres must be conventional or in transition to organic (certified organic acres are not eligible). Acres may not be able to overlap with certain EQIP practices or private carbon programs. Please inquire to learn more.

Grower Support:

Monthly shared learning calls | Monthly e-newsletters | Annual small grains conference Field Days | Meet-ups | Connections to other farmers

