

# Practical Farmers

## Cost-Share for Extended Rotations

### Program Requirements

#### Small grains cost-share

- Participants must grow a small grain (*barley, oats, rye, triticale, wheat*) that will be harvested (*grain or forage*) in 2024 and follow it with an underseeded or summer-planted legume cover crop.
  - Examples of eligible scenarios:
    - Small grain underseedings that include alfalfa
    - Small grain underseedings or frost-seedings that include clover
    - Solid-seeding of clover, vetch or other legumes after small grain harvest
    - Diverse mixes that include at least one legume species (*ex. clover, peas, beans, sun hemp, vetch, etc.*) seeded after small grain harvest
  - \*Note: *Underseedings and cover crops may be grazed or mechanically harvested.*
  - Examples of **ineligible** scenarios:
    - Double- or relay-cropped soybeans
    - Solid-seeded stand of sorghum sudan grass or another annual forage that doesn't include a legume species
    - Certified organic acres
- Acres cannot overlap with a PFI fall cover crop cost-share program (*ex. cereal rye sown in fall 2023 cannot count as both a fall cover crop and a small-grain crop for cost-share*).

#### Fertilizer cost-share

- Participants must reduce N application by 40 units (*compared to their typical N rate in a two-year corn-soybean system*) OR apply no more than 100 units of N to corn that follows a small grain + legume cover crop in rotation.
  - This includes nitrogen from manure.
- Participants must complete a consultation over the phone with a PFI staffer to inventory fertilizer program.

#### Both cost-share programs

- Participants must farm in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska or Wisconsin.
- Acres must be conventionally managed or in transition to organic (*certified organic acres are not eligible*).
- Acres may not be able to overlap with EQIP practices 328, 340, 590, or private carbon programs. Please inquire to learn more.
- Participants must be active members of Practical Farmers of Iowa as of August 30, 2024, an annual cost of \$50-\$60.
- Participants must attend at least one learning opportunity per year, such as a field day or webinar.
- Participants must complete an online survey describing production practices and expenses.