

Practical News - Cover crop cost-share applications due this Friday

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Equipping farmers to build resilient farms and communities.



PFI members speak at Nebraska regenerative ag conference

Recently, members of PFI staff traveled to the Central Nebraska Regenerative Ag Conference in Holdrege, Nebraska, where PFI sponsored several soil-health-focused sessions.

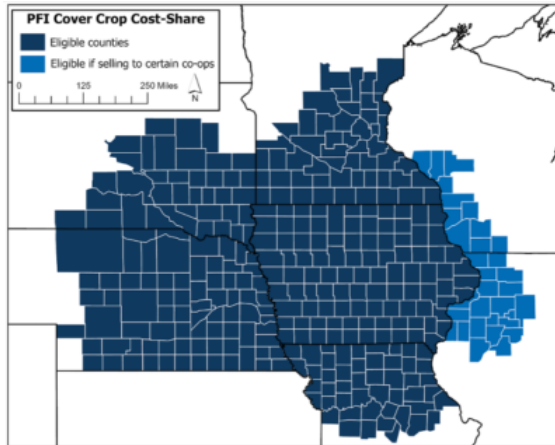
PFI members **Clay Govier** (pictured with the microphone) of Broken Bow, Nebraska, and **Nick Smith** of Epworth, Iowa, both spoke about grazing cover

crops at the conference. Clay also participated in a farmer panel showcasing how different farming operations incorporate cover crops into their farming practices.

The event provided an excellent opportunity for farmers across Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado and Kansas to network with and learn from each other.

NEWS

Apply for cover crops funds with PFI by Dec. 1



Our **cover crop cost-share** offers \$10 per acre with no limits on the number of acres.

You can also combine PFI cost-share dollars with publicly funded cost-share programs on the same acres. **About 64% of our 2022 cover crop cost-share participants also received public cost-share dollars last year.**

Reserve your funding now –
[applications close this Friday, Dec. 1.](#)

Autumn 2023 magazine: "Cultivating Diversity in the Heart of Waterloo"



Engineer and third-generation farmer **Mike Cook** farms on 120 acres in Black Hawk County, Iowa.

After retiring from a 30-year career at John Deere, Mike now manages Cook Family Farm, where he raises corn and soybeans along with a wide variety of fruit and vegetable crops.

Despite facing challenges, including discrimination as a Black farmer, he remains committed to expanding the farm and passing on the legacy to his daughters. **[Read his story.](#)**

Welcome Jennifer to PFI staff!



Meet **Jennifer Reddel**, our newest PFI staff member.

Jennifer joins PFI as our cost-share administrative assistant, working with the field crops team and the back-end processes of PFI's cost-share programs. Jennifer has a degree in business and is working to finish another in organizational leadership.

She and her husband, David, live in Ankeny, Iowa, and have two sons.

[Learn more about Jennifer.](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December shared learning call with Ross McCaw



Friday, Dec. 8 | Noon-1 p.m.

Ross McCaw farms corn, soybeans and cereal rye near Marengo, Iowa, and he also owns and operates a cover crop seed business.

During our December shared learning call, hosted via Zoom, Ross will share how he raises his cereal rye crop from fall planting to spring management to harvest. [Register to attend.](#)

More upcoming events

Jan. 19-20: Conference – [PFI 2024 Annual Conference](#)

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IN THE NEWS

Members in the News

Showcasing member voices and their diverse, independent viewpoints.

Aaron Lehman of Polk City, IA, was featured in [Progressive Farmer: Thanksgiving Prices Lower as Farmer's Share Remains Cents on the Dollar](#)

Ryan Gibbs of Hopkinton, IA, was featured in [No-Till Farmer: No-Tiller Doubles Soybean Size with Deep Fertility & Foliar Program](#)

Dan Voss of Atkins, IA, was featured on [Iowa Agribusiness Radio Network: Dan Voss is Iowa's Conservation Farmer of the Year](#)

Jon Bakehouse of Hastings, IA, was featured in [Omaha-World Herald: The Public Pulse: Hy-Vee honors veterans; Support for caregivers; Thanks from a Texan](#)

PFI in the News

PFI was mentioned in [Urban Milwaukee: Central Standard Doubles Down on Sustainability](#)

PFI was mentioned in [KGAN-TV: African American Museum of Iowa hosting agricultural fair promoting black farmers](#)

PFI was mentioned on [Iowa Farm Bureau's webpage: Next Stage of Southeast Iowa Water Quality Project Announced](#)

Kayla Koether, PFI's senior farm viability manager, was featured in [Public News Service: Young Iowa farmers struggle for a leg up](#)

Have you been featured in the media? If you're a PFI member, tell us when and where to find a link to the article, and we'll feature you in a future issue of Practical News.

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