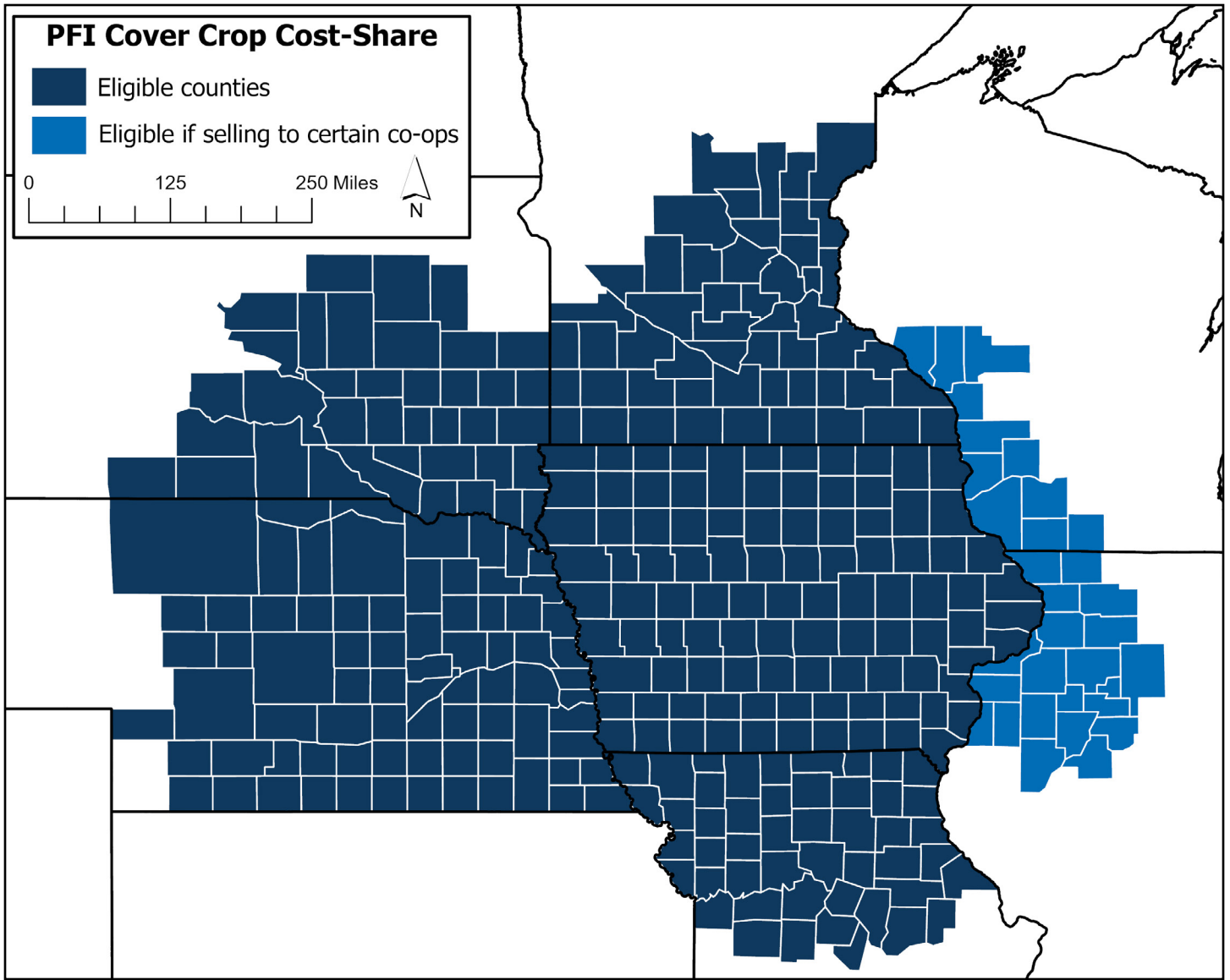


Cover Crop Cost-Share

Program Eligibility Requirements

- Participants must farm in eligible counties in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, or Wisconsin (*see map of eligible counties on next page*).
- Depending on the program funder, farmers may be required to sell corn or soybeans to certain eligible facilities in the supply chain.
- Participants must establish a fall cover crop that will precede a corn or soybean crop the following spring.
 - Cover crops can be a single-species or a multi-species mix.
 - Species can winterkill or overwinter.
 - Seeding rates are at the discretion of the farmer.
 - Cover crops must be seeded by **December 2**.
- Acres must be conventionally managed; certified organic acres are not eligible.
- Acres can overlap with any publicly funded cost-share programs on a county, state or federal level (*ex. EQIP, CSP, etc.*).
- Acres cannot overlap with any privately funded cost-share program, such as a carbon market (*ex. Indigo, SWOF, TruCarbon, etc.*).
- Any farmer with any experience level with cover crops is eligible.
- One-year or multi-year contracts are available.
- Grazing and mechanical harvest of cover crops is allowed and encouraged.

Curious about program steps and paperwork? [Click here!](#)



If you farm in a light blue county (IL or WI), please call the office or email covercrops@practicalfarmers.org to see if you are eligible.