



Practical Landowner - Looking ahead

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Equipping farmers to build resilient farms and communities.

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What will your farm look like 30 years from now?

PFI members **Maggie McQuown and Steve Turman** of Resilient Farms are planning for the next generation. Maggie and Steve were **PFI's Farmland**

Owner Legacy Award recipients in 2018. In a **Climate Land Leaders** article published this spring, Maggie describes how Practical Farmers of Iowa's Legacy Letter Project helped guide the process of their farm transition.

"We started searching for a young, beginning farm family who shared our vision and values – mimicking nature using regenerative agriculture practices, growing nutritious food sold through local food systems, embracing the small farm lifestyle and minimizing our carbon footprint on earth." **Learn how** Maggie and Steve and a young farm family are connecting on Resilient Farms.

The Practical Farmers of Iowa Legacy Letter Project was spearheaded by Teresa Opheim when she was executive director at PFI. You can read some of those letters in "The Future of Family Farms: Practical Farmers' Legacy Letter Project," edited by Teresa Opheim.

PROGRAM UPDATES

1:1 consultation to meet your land needs



Would you like to learn more about writing your own legacy letter? PFI offers consultations for getting started on farm transition and also supports 1 on 1 land matching for those who are searching for the next person to care for their land. Whether you are a retiring farmer or landowner seeking the next generation to care for your land, or a beginning farmer looking for land to begin or expand your farming enterprise, we have resources to help.

Contact our Farmland Viability Coordinator, **Martha McFarland** at martha.mcfarland@practicalfarmers.org.

Apply for our cover crop cost-share program



Are you intending to seed cover crops in fall 2024? Enrollment is open in our cover crop cost-share program, stackable with any publicly funded cost-share.

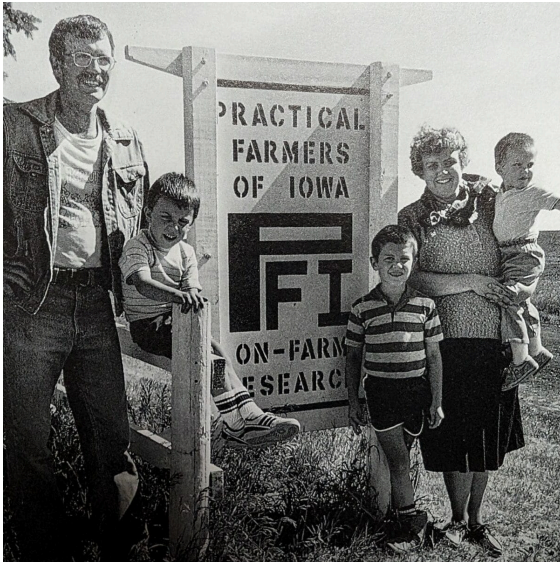
Payment rates are \$10 or \$15 per acre on an unlimited number of acres.

Participants must farm in **eligible counties** in Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska or South Dakota.

Enrollment takes less than 10 minutes!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Field day: "Honing Pasture Management With Rotational Grazing + Cover Crops"



Saturday, Aug. 10 | Harlan, IA | 3-5 p.m.

Operated by **David Rosmann** and family, Rosmann Family Farms in Harlan, Iowa, is a 700-acre certified organic farm with a mixture of field crops, pasture, popcorn, small grains and hay as well as cattle and hogs. Learn about the systems-based approach the Rosmanns take that can work on any farm, showcasing grazing, row crops, small grains and cover crops. **RSVP.**

Upcoming PFI events

All events listed in Central time.

Aug. 27: Field Day – Getting Started With Chestnuts

*Hosted by: Elana Gingerich
9-11 a.m. | Parnell, IA*

Sept. 15: Field Day – Diversifying the Farm by Integrating Pastured Poultry With Fruit Trees and Berries

*Hosted by: Mark Westbrook
2-4 p.m. | Waverly, IA*

View our events calendar

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