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**Practical News - Apply for grazing infrastructure cost-share + Savings Incentive Program**

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*Equipping farmers to build resilient farms and communities.*



**Build your farm business with our Savings Incentive Program**

If you're a beginning or aspiring farmer, give your farm business planning a boost by participating in our Savings Incentive Program.

SIP is a two-year program that provides support for creating a successful farm business by offering targeted learning and networking opportunities, guidance from an experienced farmer mentor and support setting goals and creating a business plan. Participants can also receive matching funds to support the purchase of farm assets.

Since the program's launch in 2010, the Savings Incentive Program has helped 183 beginning farmers on their path to establishing a healthy farm business. [\*\*Apply to be part of our next class.\*\*](#)

## NEWS

### Apply for grazing infrastructure cost-share



The next round of grazing infrastructure cost-share is now available.

Farmers can apply to receive up to \$2,500 to purchase portable, temporary fencing supplies; water transport and distribution supplies; and limited portable housing for grazing livestock. We will prioritize beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers.

[\*\*Apply by Sept. 30.\*\*](#)

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### New video: "Seeding Rates and Depth Test for Drilling Oats"



"Seeding rates change crop to crop, year to year, season to season," says **Wade Dooley**, farmer and owner of Dooley Ag Stewardship.

[\*\*Watch the latest video\*\*](#) in our "Practical Cover Croppers" series to hear Wade talk about calculating seeding rate and testing depth when co-seeding oats and clover. He also shows how to use the handy seed depth tool for additional confidence when planting.

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**Share the cost of planting your cover crops with us**



If you're seeding cover crops this fall, let us help you cover the cost.

Payment rates are **\$10 per acre OR \$15 per acre** on an unlimited number of acres. Our cost-share is also stackable with any publicly funded cost-share programs.

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

[Learn more and apply today.](#)

## MEMBERSHIP

### Renew your membership to stay connected to our network



Join or renew your membership today to tap into the dozens of programs and opportunities for farmer-to-farmer learning and networking we've built based on our members' needs.

Member benefits include discounted registration fees for some events, a subscription to our magazine and access to our email discussion groups.

[Sign up as a member](#) and see the full list of benefits on our website.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*All events listed are in Central time.*

**Sept. 19: Field Day – Livestock Between the Rows: An Adaptive Approach to Diversifying an Illinois Row Crop Operation**

*Hosted by: Luke & Jen Jones with Clara, Elliott, Rhett and Emmett  
9 a.m.-Noon | Astoria, IL*

**Sept. 20: Field Day – Developing Infrastructure on a Diversified Farm One Project at a Time at Brun Ko Farm**

*Hosted by: Nathan & Emily Paulsen  
4-6 p.m. | Exira, IA*

**Sept. 26: Field Day – Sheep, Dogs and Sheepdogs**

*Hosted by: Fiona Harrar*

9 a.m.-Noon | Washington, IA

View our events calendar

## IN THE NEWS

### Members in the News

*Showcasing member voices and their diverse, independent viewpoints.*

**Hannah Bernhardt** of Finlayson, MN, **Dawn and Grant Breitkreutz** of Redwood Falls, MN, **Alex Udermann** of Sartell, MN, and **Mark Gutierrez** of Moose Lake, MN were featured on [KEYC News Now](#): **Four finalists selected for Minnesota Leopold Conservation Award**

**Laura and Jesse Tidrick** of Clear Lake, IA, and **Steve Strasheim** of Mitchell, IA, were featured in [Globe Gazette](#): **Producers welcome locals to learn, taste, and enjoy fresh creations on Saturday**

**Paul Rasch** of Solon, IA, was featured in [Corridor Business Journal](#): **Wilson's Orchard & Farm thrives in Des Moines**

**Erin Van Waus** of Des Moines, IA, **Grace Yi**, PFI's senior habitat viability coordinator, and **Brad Woodson**, PFI's former habitat viability manager, were featured in an [Iowa Agriculture Water Alliance news release](#): **Iowa's Oxbow Stewards' water quality work earns Team Impact Award**

### PFI in the News

PFI was mentioned on [KMAland Radio](#): **Golden Hills, IWCC hosting 'Dream to Farm' program**

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