

Fayette and Union County Soil and Water Conservation District Application for Cover Crop Cost Share Funding

Cover crops are defined as grasses, legumes, or small grains **grown between regular crop production** periods for soil conservation and environmental protection. These crops are usually planted after harvest of the regular crop in the fall and killed before planting the next one in the spring.

1. What county is your cover crop field located in? **Fayette or Union** (Please circle the correct response)

2. How many acres of tillable farmland do you currently farm? _____

3. How many acres of cover crop are you going to plant? _____

4. Did you grow any of the following crops in 2020? If yes, please record the number of acres.

Type	Yes	No	Acres grown in 2020
Corn grown for grain			
Corn grown for silage			
Soybeans			
Oats			
Alfalfa/grass hay			
Any crops grown specifically for grazing			
Other (please specify)			

5. What primary tillage system do you use? (Please use a check mark)
 - No-till
 - Reduced till (Chisel, disk, turbo till etc.)
 - Conventional till (moldboard plowing)

6. If selected will the cover crops be planted on Highly Erodible Land (HEL)? **YES or NO**

7. Is the site located within 50 feet of an open body of water? **YES or NO**
 If your answer is no, how far away is a body of water from the site? _____

7. How many cover crop species will you be using?

___ **1 species**

___ **2 species**

___ **3+ species**

8. Will the cover crops be grazed by animals? **YES** or **NO** If yes, please explain how they will be managed:

9. Will animal waste be applied to acres where cover crops are established? **YES** or **NO**

10. Which watershed will the cover crops be planted in? _____

11. Are you applying to use cover crops for the **FIRST** time? **YES** or **NO** If your answer is no, has the site ever had cover crops planted on it while you have farmed it? **YES** or **NO**

12. If yes, what are the main reasons you have never planted cover crops before?

(Circle all letters that apply)

- a. They are hard to control/difficult to kill
- b. Too much time involved
- c. Already use no-till practices
- d. Too costly
- e. Cover crops attract unwanted pests
- f. I do not have a runoff problem
- g. Don't know enough about them/if it is right for my farm
- h. Other reasons **(please describe)**

13. Are you doing anything new or innovative within your operation?

Please Explain: _____

Questions? Please email Monica Pohlar at mpohlar@isda.in.gov or call the Fayette County SWCD office at 765-825-2331 extension 3152.

