

Practical Farmers of Iowa

Cost Share for Extended Rotations

Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin Farmers -

Earn \$15/acre on up to 200 acres by diversifying a corn and soybean rotation with a year of small grains and summer cover crop containing at least one legume species. Earn an **additional** \$15/ac for reducing nitrogen on corn that follows your small grain in rotation.

Program Details:

- **Small grains cost share:** Grow a small grain that will be harvested (grain or forage) in 2022 and follow it with a frost-seeded or summer planted legume cover crop (double or relay-cropping soybeans is not eligible for cost share).
- **Fertilizer cost share:** Reduce N application by 40 units (compared to your “typical” N rate in a two-year system) OR apply no more than 100 units of N to corn that follows small grain + cover crop in rotation.

Visit bit.ly/SmallGrainsCostShare
or call (515) 232-5661 to learn more and sign up!

To participate in either cost share program:

- Crop cannot be certified organic at the time of harvest (transition is OK).
- Acres cannot overlap with a PFI **fall** cover crop cost share program (ex. wheat sown in 2021 cannot count as both a fall cover crop and a small grain crop for cost share) or with EQIP practices 328, 340 or 512.
- Acres cannot be enrolled in a private carbon program (ex. Indigo, Nori, ESMC).
- Complete a consultation over the phone with a PFI staff member in the fall or winter (fertilizer cost share only).
- Complete an online survey describing production practices and expenses.
- Attend at least one learning opportunity per year, such as a field day or virtual meet-up

Grower Support:

Monthly “shared learning” calls | Monthly e-newsletters | Annual small grains conference | Field days | Meet-ups | Connections to other farmers