

FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S COVER CROP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

For 2024

FOR: Franklin County Growers/Operators

DEADLINE: 7/31/23 First-Come First-Served (Funds are limited so don't delay!)

PURPOSE: To establish vegetative winter cover on cropland to

protect against soil erosion and to reduce nutrient loss

Approved Cover Crops

Winter Wheat Winter Barley Cereal Rye Triticale Clover Hairy Vetch Winter Peas Canola/Rape

Annual Ryegrass

All seed purchased for cover crops must be tested and properly labeled following Pennsylvania Seed Law and Regulations.

Key Program Highlights

- Annual planting of approved cover crop seed takes place immediately following the harvest of corn, sorghum, soybeans or vegetables (no later than November 10)
- ♦ A minimum of 40% coverage must be obtained by December 31.
- ♦ Cover crops *may not* be harvested for grazing, forage or grain.
- ♦ Cover crops cannot winter kill.
- ♦ Minimum acreage planted: Five acres (Max: 200 acres)

HOW TO APPLY:

- Contact Jonathon Ott jott@franklinccd.org or call 717-264-5499
- Return forms by July 31, 2023
 - **♦ Complete Application Form**
 - ♦ Complete IRS Form W-9
 - ♦ Provide Farm Maps

PAYOUT INFO:

- ◆ Single Species Cover Crop: \$50/acre Flat Fee
- ♦ Multi Species Cover Crop: \$70/acre Flat Fee

This incentive program will be administered annually, based on availability of funding and personnel.

CALL TODAY: 717-264-5499

To improve your soil health AND receive incentive payments!

It's a Win-Win!

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Partnering with our community to conserve soil and water resources