

Do you have marginal cropland with low productivity due to flooding, salinity, or overlap? Are you interested in seeding cover crops on your farm?

What are we looking for?

The ideal candidate will have marginal land that is currently in annual crop production located around or in between wetlands/sloughs. The piece of land may be small, making it inefficient for large machinery to access it, or may be a poor producing area due to salinity and flooding, making it economically nonsensical to continue growing crops on. This marginal land can instead be converted to perennial forage production or cover crops, with the producer receiving payments as outlined below. OR Do you use cover crops to improve the health of the soil on your farm?

PRODUCER INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

| Project Type | Establishment Payment | Annual Payment | Description (* 5 years of annual payments; ** 3 years of annual payments) |
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| Seeding Perennial Forage | \$65/acre | \$35/acre* | Converting marginal cropland (poor access, saline, flood-prone, coarse soil texture, highly sloped, etc.) to perennial forage cover using a blend of tame grass/legume species. |
| Wetland Conservation < 2 acres | N/A | \$30/acre* | Conserving existing prairie pothole wetland habitat adjacent to the newly seeded forage (basin size less than 2 acres in area). Must be in conjunction with Seeding Perennial Forage. |
| Wetland Conservation > 2 acres | N/A | \$20/acre* | Conserving existing prairie pothole wetland habitat adjacent to the newly seeded forage (basin size greater than 2 acres in area). Must be in conjunction with Seeding Perennial Forage. |
| Upland Conservation | N/A | \$20/acre* | Conserving existing upland habitat composing of native trees, shrubs, and grasses adjacent to the wetland habitat. Must be in conjunction with Seeding Perennial Forage. |
| Regen Ag | N/A | \$35/acre** | Seeding cover crops for grazing, baling, silage, or intercropping a cash crop with another cash or cover crop, or any practice(s) aimed at promoting the 5 Principles of Soil Health. |



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