

PERMANENT VEGETATIVE COVER ESTABLISHMENT ON CROPLAND SL-1

Important Facts

Practice Lifespan

Pasture and haylands that are planted under this practice will be grazed or harvested and maintained for a minimum of 5 years. Cost-share will be refunded if the initial recipient destroys the cover during this time.

Cost-share Rate

The state cost-share rate is \$25 per acre and 75% of the eligible component costs.

Eligible component costs include eligible seed, mineral (fertilizer, lime, manure), herbicides, pesticides, and labor. Cost-share and tax credit will be provided only one time per field.

Tax Credit

The tax credit rate is 25% of the total eligible cost not to exceed \$17,500.00. If a cooperator receives cost-share, only the percent of the total cost of the project that the cooperator contributed is used to determine the tax credit.



Permanent vegetative cover on cropland consists of grass and/or legume vegetation established on cropland or fallow land with existing cover of less than 60% to pasture or hayland. The purpose is to reduce soil erosion and enhance water quality. State cost-share is intended to promote conversion of cropland and fallow land to fields with a healthy, well-maintained sod.

- State cost-share or tax credit will not be approved for fields with more than 60% cover, with the exception of cropfields that have a row crop or small grain residue, in which case cover in excess of 60% is permissible.
- Cost-sharing and tax credit are not authorized for obstruction removal, fencing, watering facilities, or for the planting of pure stands of alfalfa.
- This practice is subject to spot-check by the District throughout the life of the practice, and failure to comply may result in the forfeiture of the cost-share funds.