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Cover Cropping Application

The goal of the FAP Grant Program is to encourage the implementation of soil-based practices that improve soil quality, increase crop production, and reduce erosion and agricultural waste discharges. See the FAP Fact Sheet for more information about the FAP grant program and practice requirements (http://agriculture.vermont.gov/). There is a maximum cap among all Farm Agronomic Practice Program grants of $5,000 per farm per state fiscal year provided funding is available.

Application for a Farm Agronomic Practice Program Grant

Conservation Practices covered by this application between July 1, 2014– June 30, 2015 (FY2015):

1. ***Winter Cover Crop (up to $30/acre)***
   - ***Applications received after August 15th will be eligible for up to $15/acre***
   - ***Winter cover crops must be seeded by October 1st***
2. ***Spring and Summer Cover Crop (up to $30/acre)***
   - ***Applications due by March 1 if sowed March 1 – June 30 or by July 1 if sowed July 1 – October 1***

ALL COVER CROPS MUST BE SEEDED AT A MINIMUM OF 100 LBS/ACRE TO RECEIVE PAYMENT

1. Applicant Information for Administrative Purposes

Name _____ **Phone** (_____) _____ -_____
(as shown on your income tax return)

Business Name _____
(if different from above)

Mailing Address _____

Email _____

2. Conservation practice and field information. Please fill out one line for each field. Additional space is on the next page.

MAPS SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE REQUESTED FIELDS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH APPLICATION.

Conservation Practice	Tract	Field	Acreage	2014 Crop	2015 Crop	Anticipated Implementation Date

Applications for cover cropping must be received by deadline dates above to be eligible for full funding rates.
(Applications received after a deadline may be funded at a reduced rate.)

This grant application must be fully completed, signed, and submitted to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets, hereby referred to as the Agency, for eligibility. If selected, a grant agreement will be sent to you by the Agency. You must submit a notice of practice completion and a claim for payment to the Agency by July 15th for practices implemented April 1 – June 30 and by December 31st for practices implemented July 1 – December 15. Claims for payment must include a copy of work performed and additional supporting information as outlined on the FAP Fact Sheet available online at http://agriculture.vermont.gov/protecting_lands_waters/agricultural_water_quality/nutrient_management/fap.

To be eligible for funding the participant must be in good standing with the Agency of Agriculture regarding regulatory requirements and resulting penalties. Funds are dependent on State allocation and are prioritized and distributed by the Agency. Any land under contract to receive payment for a practice or otherwise currently within a contract lifespan for a practice from any other state or federal program may be ineligible to receive FAP Grant Program payments for the same conservation practice.

I hereby authorize the NRCS to release information to the Agency concerning the location (including tract and field numbers) and the extent of cropland (including crop history for current year and acreage planted by field listed on this application) to make eligibility determinations. This information will remain privacy protected by the Agency as per a signed agreement between the USDA and the Agency.

Signature _____ Date _____

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