

Farm Agronomic Practices Grant Program

Farm Agronomic Practices	Requirements	Grant Payment	Application and Material Needed	Application Deadlines	Documentation Needed to Receive Payment	Payment Claim Deadlines
Winter Cover Crops	Only can apply if farm did not receive a funded contract with NRCS or was found ineligible for NRCS funding. Must be seeded by October 1st at a minimum of 100 lbs./acre.	Up to \$30/acre	<u>Cover Crop Application</u> must include field maps with FSA Tract & Field IDs.	August 15th	Date(s) of planting, Tract & Field IDs, seeding rates and copy of seed invoice(s).	December 31st
Spring and Summer Cover Crops	Must be seeded at the highest recommended rate to provide effective soil coverage.	Up to \$30/acre	<u>Cover Crop Application</u> must include field maps with FSA Tract & Field IDs.	At Least One Month Prior to Implementation on a First-Come First-Serve Basis	Date(s) of planting, Tract & Field IDs, seeding rates and copy of seed invoice(s).	July 15th - If practices are implemented from April 1st - June 30th December 31st - If practices are implemented from July 1st - December 15th
Nurse Crop for Cover Cropping	Nurse crops as a perennial forage as a stand-alone practice. Must be seeded at the maximum recommended rate for the variety and seed blend.	Up to \$10/acre	<u>Crop and Tillage Application</u> must include field maps with FSA Tract & Field IDs.	At Least One Month Prior to Implementation on a First-Come First-Serve Basis	Date(s) of planting, Tract & Field IDs, seeding rates per nurse crop and copy of seed invoice(s).	July 15th - If practices are implemented from April 1st - June 30th December 31st - If practices are implemented from July 1st - December 15th
Conservation Crop Rotation	Must include sequence of crops to be grown, length of time each crop will be grown and total length of rotation. Participants are responsible for implementing a full, multi-year rotation to meet or exceed the tolerable soil loss rate.	Up to \$25/acre	<u>Crop and Tillage Application</u> must include field maps with FSA Tract & Field IDs, and seeding rates.	At Least One Month Prior to Implementation on a First-Come First-Serve Basis	Date(s) of planting, Tract & Field IDs, and copy of seed invoice(s). Program payments are eligible for a one-time payment only at the period of the rotation where annual crop land is seeded down into perennial forages.	July 15th - If practices are implemented from April 1st - June 30th December 31st - If practices are implemented from July 1st - December 15th
Strip Cropping	Strips closest to surface waters or ditches must be comprised of perennial vegetation, at least 50 feet wide and have manure and fertilizer setbacks of at least 25 feet from top of bank	Up to \$25/acre. Payment includes all crop land that is part of the strip cropping system	<u>Crop and Tillage Application</u> must include field maps with FSA Tract & Field ID, strip cropping widths and crops within each strip, and planned crop rotations for each field.	At Least One Month Prior to Implementation on a First-Come First-Serve Basis	Written verification that practices were performed.	July 15th - If practices are implemented from April 1st - June 30th December 31st - If practices are implemented from July 1st - December 15th
Cross-Slope Tillage	Eligible fields have to be equal to or greater than 5%. Tillage and row planting shall be conducted and designed by following the contours of the land and accommodate the type and size of farm equipment used.	Up to \$10/acre	<u>Crop and Tillage Application</u> must include fields maps with FSA Tract & Field IDs.	At Least One Month Prior to Implementation on a First-Come First-Serve Basis	Written verification that practices were performed.	July 15th - If practices are implemented from April 1st - June 30th December 31st - If practices are implemented from July 1st - December 15th
Conservation Tillage (No-Till, Zone-Till, Mulch-Till and other Reduced Tillage Systems)	Previous crop residues cannot be burned, and residues must be uniformly distributed over the entire soil surface.	Up to \$12/acre	<u>Crop and Tillage Application</u> must include field maps with FSA Tract & Field IDs, along with planned crop rotations and dates of planting on fields where practices will be performed.	At Least One Month Prior to Implementation on a First-Come First-Serve Basis	Written verification that practices were performed.	July 15th - If practices are implemented from April 1st - June 30th December 31st - If practices are implemented from July 1st - December 15th
Aeration Tillage	Must be performed on perennial cropland. Not Eligible: Aeration followed by liquid tanker spreader on annual cropland.	Up to \$12/acre	<u>Crop and Tillage Application</u> must include field maps with FSA Tract & Field IDs along with planned crop rotations.	At Least One Month Prior to Implementation on a First-Come First-Serve Basis	Date(s) of aeration and rate of manure application for each field where aeration practices occurred, as well as recommended application rate in NMP for each field (if farm has NMP).	July 15th - If practices are implemented from April 1st - June 30th December 31st - If practices are implemented from July 1st - December 15th
Alternative Manure Incorporation	Manure injection, aeration done at the same time as a low level splash plate manure application, or aeration prior to drag line low level splash plate manure application are eligible. Not Eligible: Aeration followed by liquid tanker spreader.	Up to \$25/acre	<u>Crop and Tillage Application</u> must include fields maps with FSA Tract & Field IDs and current field crop.	At Least One Month Prior to Implementation on a First-Come First-Serve Basis	Date(s) of incorporation and rate of manure application for each field, as well as recommended application rate in NMP for each field (if farm has NMP) and a copy of an invoice if a custom applicator was used.	July 15th - If practices are implemented from April 1st - June 30th December 31st - If practices are implemented from July 1st - December 15th
Educational and Instructional Activities Grant						
Educational and Instructional Activities	Grant awards are application specific and are limited to a maximum of \$1,000.	Up to \$1,000	<u>Educational and Instructional Grant Application</u> must include a description of activity objectives, target audience, and learning materials.	At Least One Month Prior to Activity on a First-Come First-Serve Basis	Submission of an attendee list, and itemized invoice(s), if applicable.	July 15th - If activities were completed between April 1st - June 30th December 31st - If activities were completed between July 1st - December 15th

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