



LASA
Lafayette Ag Stewardship Alliance

2018 Cost-share program – Due Nov. 15

LASA is offering the following incentive for 2018:

Cover Crops - \$20 per acre up to 50-acre maximum**

What are cover crops: Cover crops are grasses, brassicas, legumes, small grains or other crops grown between regular grain crop production periods for the purpose of protecting and improving the soil. In this region of Wisconsin, a significant amount of the tillable acres have sufficient slope and runoff potential to be at risk for erosion if not adequately protected. Eroding soil particles not only fill in wetlands and streams, but they also carry soil bound phosphorus to surface water. Cover crops have a high potential to reduce phosphorus loss on fields being harvested as corn silage with manure incorporated in the late summer or fall. **Research has shown that fields with winter cover incorporated in the spring have 55 percent less water runoff and 50 percent less soil loss annually than fields with no winter cover.**

How it works:

- ✓ Plant cover crops (whatever variety fits into your farming system) in fields harvested for wheat, corn silage or other cropping scenario,
- ✓ Let LASA know how many acres were planted, how they were established & what was planted
- ✓ Share your SNAP files with LASA to evaluate the change in estimated phosphorus loss from the standard practices compared to the cover crop practice.

What will you learn:

- LASA will work with you and your crop consultant to calculate the risk of phosphorus loss from your field and determine whether cover crops reduce this risk potential,
- Your fields will be added to the regional database without field or farm identification so that regional averages can be calculated. You will be able to compare your fields to the regional average,
- LASA will also provide a comparison of soil loss with and without cover crops.

*All individual farm data is confidential

**Final cost-share payments are dependent on available funds

To enroll in the 2018 Cost-Share program, complete the form below, detach and return by Nov. 15.

Retain the top half of this form for your records. **You may also enroll at the LASA conference.**

Name: _____ Farm Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: ____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

2018 Acreage Enrollment Information: Cover Crops: _____ Acres

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