



2019 Cost-share program – Due Nov. 15

The following cost-share programs are available to LASA members in 2019:

1. **Cover Crops** – {\$20 per acre up to 50-acre maximum}
2. **4-R Nutrient Stewardship** – {up to \$20/acre, 50 acres max, \$200 max for manure and tissue sampling}
3. **No-till/Reduced Tillage** – {\$20 per acre up to 50 acres, increases in second and third year}

The 2019 cost-share program is designed to be inclusive to help every member meet their soil and water conservation goals. The practices above have been shown to provide a suite of benefits, including but not limited to, reducing soil erosion by wind and water, limiting nutrient losses via leaching, runoff, or other loss pathways, and improving soil health.

To participate, please indicate which program(s) you would like to enroll in and the number of acres/samples you are enrolling. Receipts are required for some programs. LASA's cost share programs are intended to be a learning opportunity for members, therefore we ask that members be willing to share lessons learned from trying a new practice with the group. Members can use the farm info sheets provided to record and track their progress with a new practice, or, utilize their own form of record keeping.

Final cost-share payments are dependent on available funds and will be distributed in early 2020. If you are not yet a LASA member, please fill out the membership form (located at lafayetteagstewardship.org) and pay the \$250 membership fee. Existing members will have their member dues deducted from their cost-share check.

To enroll, complete the form on the next page and return with receipts by Nov. 15.

How it works:

- ✓ Plant cover crops (whatever variety fits into your farming system) in fields harvested for wheat, corn silage or other crops
- ✓ Plant no-till corn, beans, wheat or other crops
- ✓ Implement no-till, limited/reduced till or strip till in fields harvested for corn, beans or wheat
- ✓ Work with your agronomist/CCA to take soil and/or tissue samples and send to an accredited lab
- ✓ Use results to create a custom fertility program for your crop and soils: Apply nutrients where and when your crop needs them most
- ✓ Let LASA know how many total acres are in each practice and how many acres will be cost-shared
- ✓ Share your SNAP files or other metrics with LASA to evaluate the change in estimated nutrient and soil loss from the standard practices compared to the cost-shared practice

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What will you learn:

- LASA will work with you and your crop consultant to calculate the risk of nutrient and soil loss from your fields 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 each cost shared practice

***All individual farm data is confidential.** Final cost-share payments dependent on available funds

If you are interested in this program, complete the form below

Name: _____ Farm Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Cell: _____ Home phone: _____

Are you comfortable sharing soil test data, Snap Plus files or other on farm metrics to help document continuous improvement? Yes/No

Cost share application information:

Cover Crops: _____ Acres enrolled. **Total cover crops:** _____ Acres

4R nutrient stewardship: _____ Acres enrolled. **Total 4R nutrient stewardship** _____ Acres

For 4R, circle practice: split fertilizer precision soil sampling tissue sampling NMP

No-till: _____ Acres enrolled. **Total no-till:** _____ Acres

Reduced/limited/strip-till: _____ Acres enrolled. **Total reduced/limited/strip-till:** _____ Acres

Questions? Please contact us at lafayetteagstewardship@gmail.com or (608) 778-3271 (Jim Winn)

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