



2023 Cost-share application – Due **Nov. 15, 2023**

The following cost-share programs are available to LASA members in 2023:

1. **Cover Crops** (includes frost seeded cover crops) – {\$20/acre, 50-acre max}
2. **4-R Nutrient Stewardship** – {\$20/acre, 50-acre max, \$200 max for manure and tissue sampling}
3. **No-till/Reduced Tillage** – {\$20/acre, 50-acre max}
4. **Planting Green** – {\$20/acre, 50-acre max}

The 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 program is intended to be a learning opportunity for members, so we ask that members be willing to share lessons learned from trying a new practice with the group. Applicants are encouraged to apply for more than one practice. Maximum payout per applicant is \$1500 and maybe adjusted for multiple practices.

Final cost-share payments are dependent on available funds and will be distributed at the end of the year. If you are not yet a LASA member, please fill out the membership form (available at lafayetteagstewardship.org) and pay the \$250 membership dues.

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
- ✓ Plant no-till or strip till primary crop into actively growing cover crop
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Complete the LASA member conservation practice survey

***All individual farm data is confidential.** Final cost-share payments dependent on funds. **To enroll, complete the form below and on page 2:**

Name: _____ Farm Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

St: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Preferred phone: _____

Farm Type (circle): Dairy Beef Hog Crop Other (describe): _____



Cost-share application information:

Current crop rotation: _____

Cover crops	# acres for cost share (max 50)	Total # cover crop acres planted this year	Cover crop practices prior to 2023 (circle) No cover crop Rye cover crop after corn/beans Multispecies cover crops after wheat Other:		
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share					
Cover crop species planted, after what crop, and method of planting					
4R nutrient stewardship	# acres for cost share (max 50)	Total # 4R nutrient stewardship acres this year			
For 4R, circle practice:	split fertilizer	soil sampling	tissue sampling	N stabilizer	NMP
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share					
If crop rotation is different from indicated above, please note accurate rotation for this practice					
No-till Reduced/limited/strip-till (circle)	# acres for cost share (max 50)	Total # no till/reduced/limited/strip till acres this year	Tillage prior to 2023 (circle) Fall chisel and/or disk and/or field cultivation Strip tillage Vertical tillage Other:		
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share					
For which crops in your rotation are you using this practice?					
Planting green	# acres for cost share (max 50)	Total # planting green acres this year	Planned crop		
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share					
What living crop are you planting into?					

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