

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD COVER CROP COST SHARE PROGRAM

Purpose of Cost Share Practice:

To manage soil fertility, soil quality, water, weeds, pests, diseases, biodiversity and wildlife in agro ecosystems.

Cost share on cover crops is 50% of the actual cost for **seed only** up to \$2,000.00.

One application per landowner or operator per year. Applications will be approved on a first come, first serve basis.

Use Central Platte NRD Cover Crop Cost Share Application Form. Application must be in the name of the landowner with corresponding social security number or tax ID number. NRCS certification is required.

Planting must be planned & installed in accordance with technical specifications of the NRCS.

Applications for cost share are not effective until approved by the NRD Board of Directors. After approved, application will be returned to County Natural Resources Conservation Service office and landowner will be notified by NRD concerning approval. Applications must be approved before the project can be started.

Claims for payment will not be accepted more than one year from the date the application is approved. There are no extensions.

Items of cost for which reimbursement is claimed must be supported by documentation of payments made. *Sales tax is to be included in the cost share.*

Two 3ft. soil samples for nitrate analysis must be taken. The first sample will be taken when the cover crop is seeded, and the second sample will be taken just before it is removed / destroyed. Copies of those soil tests must be submitted to the NRD office.

Payment will be made once the bill for seed the first soil sample is received.

The landowner must agree that if the two soil samples are not taken, all of the claim amounts will be refunded to the Central Platte Natural Resources District.

U.S. Citizenship and compliance form must accompany application.