



2025 Northwest Iowa Ag Stewardship Alliance Cost-Share Program Details

Goal – to promote on farm conservation practices that are beneficial for soil and water quality and overall farm sustainability and resilience. The program also aims to reduce economic risk associated with trying a new conservation practice.

NIASA is happy to offer members the following cost-share programs for 2025. This program is privately funded and therefore stackable with other cost-share programs.

1. **Reduced-tillage/No-till** - \$15/ac per year, for minimum 80 acres up to 160 acres (max \$2400/farm)
2. **Cover Crops**
 - 1st time user – \$30/ac per year, up to 160 acres (max \$4800/farm)
 - Previous user – \$20/ac per year, up to 160 acres (max \$3200/farm)

Reduced tillage/no-till: Interested members should identify an area from 80-160 acres to practice reduced tillage or no-till. Program participants are encouraged to keep yield records, field notes and share the results with NIASA. Participants are also encouraged to work with their fertilizer and ag chemical agronomist for technical expertise and support.

Cover crops: Members interested in planting cover crops may be reimbursed for the cost of cover crop seed, planting, and spring herbicide application (if applicable), up to \$30/acre for first time users and up to \$20/acre for previous users. Participants are required to plant at least 40 lbs per acre of cover crop seed mix. Receipts are required for this program. Handwritten receipts are okay if you provide your own seed, purchase from a neighbor, or other similar arrangements. Participants may select the cover crop seed and seeding method of their choice. Participants are required to work with their agronomist and/or conservation agronomist during all stages of cover crop implementation and termination to ensure technical expertise and support during the transition to a new practice. Participants may request assistance from a NIASA member in the event they are unable to work with their personal agronomist.

To participate, please indicate which program(s) you would like to enroll in and the number of acres you are enrolling in. NIASA'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 new practices with the group. All data collected will remain confidential.

Final cost-share payments are dependent on available funds and will be distributed at the end of the year. If you are not a NIASA member, please fill out the membership form.

To enroll, complete the form on the next page and return by September 1st, 2025. Applications will be accepted beyond this deadline and considered if funding is still available.

2025 NIASA Cost-Share Application Form

Due September 1st, 2025 (receipts not required at time of application)

Email form to niasafarmers@gmail.com or mail to 102 N 14th St Apt 7, Estherville, IA 51334

Name: _____ Farm name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Preferred phone: _____

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

Current crop rotation: _____

Please provide details of the agronomist(s) supporting implementation of either or both programs.

1. Name: _____ Affiliation: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
2. Name: _____ Affiliation: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Reduced/ Vertical/ Strip-till	# acres enrolled	Total # reduced till acres	Tillage prior to 2025 (circle) Fall chisel/disk/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?			
No-till	# acres enrolled	Total # no-till acres	Tillage prior to 2025 (circle) Fall chisel/disk/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?			
Cover Crops	# acres enrolled	Total # cover crop acres	Cover crops prior to 2025 (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:			
For which crops in your rotation are you using this practice?			

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Contact Information

If you are interested in applying for one or both programs, NIASA is happy to assist you through implementation of these practices. If you have any questions regarding cover crop seed purchase, planting, cover crop termination, strip-tillage etc., please reach out to any of the members below.

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