

## Financial and technical assistance options for soil health

We recommend that you **contact an advisor with cover crop expertise** as your first point of contact for learning more about cover crops. The following specialists in Indiana can help you with personalized, local information.

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Find another specialist at this website: <https://www.agry.purdue.edu/ext/corn/cafe/experts.html>

or call **your local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office**. Contact the Indiana state NRCS office at (317) 290-3200 to find your local service center.

## Financial and technical assistance

**USDA—NRCS federal cost-share**

[www.nrcs.usda.gov/getstarted](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/getstarted)

**Indiana state office:** (317) 290-3200

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program designed to address conservation needs on farmland. Operators (and in some cases owners) can apply for cost-share to cover costs associated with, for example, cover crops and soil testing.

NRCS will help eligible producers develop a conservation plan, which will become the basis of the EQIP application. EQIP applications are ranked based on a number of factors, including environmental benefits and cost effectiveness of the proposal. Look for application deadlines in early 2018.

## State cost-share

Information available through local Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Find your District office through the directory put together by the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

(317) 692-7325, [www.iaswcd.org](http://www.iaswcd.org)

## Other information and assistance

### Information on sustainable agriculture

#### **Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE)**

(612) 626-3113, [www.northcentralsare.org](http://www.northcentralsare.org)

#### **Midwest Cover Crops Council**

(317) 392-6417, <http://mccc.msu.edu/>

Great site from Michigan State University for choosing the cover crop mix best suited to your farm.

### Lease assistance

#### **Ag Lease 101**

[www.aglease101.org](http://www.aglease101.org)

This website established by the North Central Farm Management Extension Committee includes materials created by economists and attorneys, including reports on fixed and flexible cash rental agreements and a crop-share lease template.

#### **Drake University Agricultural Law Center**

(515) 271-4956, <http://sustainablefarmlease.org/>

This website provides sustainable agricultural lease recommendations.

### Peer-to-peer conservation assistance for landowners

#### **Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative**

<http://ccsin.iaswcd.org>, [Lisa.Holscher@in.nacdnet.net](mailto:Lisa.Holscher@in.nacdnet.net)

CCSI is a partnership between numerous organizations in Indiana to improve soil health and productivity. The organization can connect landowners and farmers with a peer network of conservation-minded farm owners and operators.

#### **Women 4 the Land**

[www.women4theland.org](http://www.women4theland.org), [hbacher@women4theland.org](mailto:hbacher@women4theland.org)

Peer learning circles for Indiana women landowners are hosted by the organization Women 4 The Land. Contact Heather Bacher at the above email, or check out the website for more information and upcoming events..

### General management and real estate

#### **Farm Management Companies**

Companies such as Farmers National, Hertz and Peoples offer extensive services for non-operating landowners, particularly absentee landowners, as they manage all aspects of a farm in close communication with the landowner and operator.

#### **Extension land value survey**

Purdue Agricultural Economics Department (see Agricultural Economics Report), <https://ag.purdue.edu/agecon/>

The Nature Conservancy 

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