

Cover Crop Financial Incentive

Financial Incentive for Landowners Investing in Their Farms by Planting Cover Crops

Farms across America's Heartland are increasingly using cover crops to help improve soil health and avoid erosion and nutrient loss. To help you work with your operator to plant cover crops, Purdue University and The Nature Conservancy are offering a financial incentive to landowners:

- **\$1,500 for an agreement with your operator to plant cover crops**

Landowners steward their land and support their operators to achieve shared goals such as productive soils and clean water. This financial incentive recognizes that being a good steward and doing something new takes time and resources. The financial incentive is intended to compensate you for taking the next step toward increasing the investment in your farm and soil health.

Getting your payment involves three easy steps:

- 1 Sign the attached one-page contract after making an agreement with your operator to plant cover crops.
- 2 Return the signed contract with a copy of your signed lease or lease addendum that incorporates cover crops. Envelopes must be postmarked by Oct. 15, 2018.
- 3 The project team will process and return the signed contract with instructions for payment. Return the simple payment form, and the project team sends you a check!

For this offer, we ask you to commit to trying cover crops on a minimum of 40 acres.

Please contact us if you intend to return a signed contract or if you need further information: (317) 643-0906 or farmland@tnc.org.
Note: If demand for contracts exceeds supply of funds, landowners will be paid in the order that contracts are received.

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Contract for Cover Crop Financial Incentive

[Name of landowner(s)]

the owner(s) of the farm located in Illinois, Indiana or Iowa at

[Address of the Farm]

has entered into a lease or lease amendment with their operator (copy attached) that requires the operator to plant cover crops on a minimum of 40 acres in the late summer or fall of 2018 on the above described property. In exchange, a one-time payment of \$1,500 will be given to the landowner(s).

Signature and Mailing Address:*

Landowner _____ Address _____

Landowner _____ Address _____

Landowner _____ Address _____

_____ Official Representing the Cover Crop Incentive

**All landowner(s) with record title should sign the contract.*

Mail this contract and a copy of your lease or lease addendum to:

**Cover Crop Incentive
Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Purdue University
195 Marsteller St.
West Lafayette, IN 47907**

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