

Money for Cover Crops: Illinois Sustainable Ag Partnership Directory						
Program	Geography	Lead organization and funding source	Contract length	Payment details	Website	Sign-up details
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	Statewide	Local NRCS office; USDA farm bill	Up to 10 years	Varies by payment scenario	bit.ly/NRCSprogram	Applications accepted year-round; complete application at local NRCS office
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	Statewide	Local NRCS office; USDA farm bill	5 years	Varies by payment scenario	bit.ly/NRCSprogram	Applications accepted year-round; complete application at local NRCS office
Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)	Varies by project	Local NRCS office; USDA farm bill	Up to 10 years	Varies by payment scenario	bit.ly/NRCSprogram	Applications accepted year-round; complete application at local NRCS office
Illinois Corn Growers Association (ICGA)	Otter Lake Watershed; statewide	Illinois NRCS and ICGA; USDA farm bill	5 years with possibility of renewal	Varies by payment scenario	bit.ly/ilcornPCM	Applications accepted year-round; complete application at local NRCS office
Lake Springfield RCPP	Lake Springfield Watershed	County NRCS/SWCD offices; USDA farm bill, private partners, and City Water, Light and Power	5 years with possibility of renewal	Varies by payment scenario	bit.ly/SangamonCo	Applications accepted year-round; complete application at local NRCS office
Kinkaid RCPP	Kinkaid Watershed	Jackson County NRCS; USDA farm bill and private partners	5 years	Varies by payment scenario	bit.ly/NRCSprogram	Applications accepted year-round; complete application at local NRCS office
Partners for Conservation Program (PFC)	Statewide	Local SWCD office; Illinois Department of Agriculture and state allocations	1 year; 3 years is encouraged	Payment within 60 days from submitting bills	bit.ly/IDOApfc	Application period ongoing, with ranking and approval usually occurring in spring; call local SWCD to sign up
Fall Covers for Spring Savings (FCSS)	Statewide	Illinois Department of Agriculture	1 year	\$5/acre discount applied to crop insurance premium	bit.ly/IDOAfcss	Sign-up period opens in December and is first come, first serve; must certify cover crop acres via Form 578
Pandemic Cover Crop Program (PCCP)	Statewide	USDA Farm Service Agency; USDA Risk Management Agency	No contract	\$5/acre discount applied to crop insurance premium	bit.ly/USDApccp	Certify cover crop acres via Form 578 at local FSA office by March 15
Champaign County Cover Crop Initiative (CCCCI)	Champaign County	Champaign County Farm Bureau; Champaign County ARPA funds	1 year (reenroll year to year for up to 3 years)	\$33/acre	bit.ly/ChampaignCo	Contact Champaign County Farm Bureau to sign up by Sept. 1
Saving Tomorrow's Agriculture Resources (STAR) Pay-for-Performance (PfP) Program	Macon and Douglas counties	STAR, Midwest Row Crop Collaborative, local SWCD; private grant administered via ADM	1 year (reenroll year to year); at least 2 STAR years required for Change Incentive	Rate/acre dependent on STAR rating, varies from \$5 to \$20; payments for crop years made the following March	bit.ly/STARpfp	Contact ADM originator or local SWCD; sign-up period typically July 1 to Aug. 31
Illinois Cover Crop Initiative (ICCI)	Statewide	American Farmland Trust; National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and ADM	1-, 2-, 3- or 4-year options	\$10/acre for cover crops	bit.ly/AFTicci	Fill out inquiry form at website; sign up as soon as possible for 2022 program
PepsiCo Cover Crop Incentive Program	Statewide	ICGA; PepsiCo	No contract	\$200 toward cover crop seed; \$15/acre for new cover crops, \$7/acre for old cover crops	bit.ly/ICGAcovercrops	Complete W9, and enter county, acres, 2022 and 2023 crop; for PCM farmers, years field has been cover cropped, tillage used are required (~10% of fields will be verified)
Soil Health Incentive for Precision Conservation Management (PCM) Farmers	Existing PCM regions	PCM; PepsiCo	1 year (reenroll year to year)	Payments depend on repeat acres and/or combination of practices; payments made in March each year	bit.ly/PCMPepsiCo	Via PCM; speak with local PCM specialist
Soil and Water Outcomes Fund (SWOF)	Select counties in northern Illinois	Soil and Water Outcomes Fund; Carbon credits: PepsiCo, Nutrien, Ingredient Water quality credits: NRCS	1 year	Up to \$40/acre based on environmental outcomes; half payment provided after contracting and half provided after practice verification	bit.ly/SWOoutcomes	Contact Kevin Schabacker or visit theoutcomesfund.com
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