LOWER ST. CROIX WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

2023 Agricultural Conservation Programs

Thinking about trying different practices on your operation? The Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership has a new program to provide technical and financial assistance for ag practices.

A variety of practices are available with built in flexibility to allow the opportunity to try them on your land. You can choose to implement one or more practices to suit your needs.

Conservation staff will work one on one with you to create an individualized plan to integrate with your system.









Included practices:

Cover Crops*

- 1-2 species \$50/acre/year
- 3+ species \$60/acre/year
- 3 year contract

No-till and Strip Till*

- \$20/acre/year
- 3 year contract

Nutrient Management

- \$20/acre/year
- Add on practice
- 3 year contract

Conservation Crop Rotation*

- \$30/ac/year
- 100 ac/yr maximum
- · Adding small grain to rotation
- 3 year contract

Conservation Cover

- Introduced species \$200/ac
- Native species \$350/ac
- Pollinator species \$500/ac
- 20 ac maximum
- 1 time payment

Prescribed Grazing

- \$40/acre/year
- 3 year contract

Forage/Pasture Planting

- \$150/ac
- 100 ac maximum
- 1 time payment

The fine print:

3 year contracts marked with an * allow for the following options:

- 1. Implement the practice(s) annually on the same acres for the 3 year agreement.
- 2. Move the practice(s) with your rotation, implementing on different acres annually (ex. no-till soybeans in a corn/soybean rotation) for the 3 year agreement. The acres must be the same annually or increase from the first contract year.
- 3. Implement a systems approach by utilizing two or more practices to apply on the same acres for the 3 year agreement, allowing to alternate practices annually (ex. yr 1 plant cover crops after corn harvest, yr 2 no-till soybeans, yr 3 plant cover crops after corn)



Want to learn more?



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