

Farm Agronomic Practices Program

Agency/Organization: Agency of Agriculture

Program: Farm Agronomic Practices Program (FAP)

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Program provides financial assistance for the implementation of soil-based practices that improve soil quality, increase crop production, and reduce erosion. Eligible practices include cover cropping, strip cropping, conservation crop rotation, and cross-slope tillage. These practices are often needed when implementing a nutrient management plan (NMP) and payments for each range from \$10-\$50 per acre. \$3 per acre is also available for NMP updates where a farm is no longer eligible for the NMPIG program.

Assistance Type: Financial

Financial Assistance: Nutrient Management Plan Maintenance/ Update (at \$3 per acre); Cover Cropping (at \$30 per acre); Strip Cropping (at \$50 per acre); Conservation Crop Rotation (at \$25 per acre); Cross-Slope Tillage (at \$10 per acre); Conservation Tillage (at \$10 per acre); Pre-Sidedress Nitrate Testing (at \$8 per test).

ELIGIBILITY

Landscape Type: Agriculture

Resource Type: Soil Conservation, Water Quality

Criteria: Priority is given to those farms seeking financial assistance for NMP Maintenance/Update and/or Cover Cropping. Practices eligible for assistance include: Nutrient Management Plan Maintenance/ Update; Cover Cropping; Strip Cropping; Conservation Crop Rotation; Cross-Slope Tillage; Conservation Tillage; Pre-Sidedress Nitrate Testing. Any land under contract to receive payment for the previously mentioned practices, or otherwise currently within a contract lifespan for one of these practices, from any other state or federal program is ineligible to receive FAP Program payments for the same conservation practice.