



2019 Cost-Share Program Enrollment – Due Nov. 15, 2019

The following cost-share programs are available to SRPF members in 2019:

1. **Cover Crops** – 75% of total costs, max of \$40/acre, \$1500/farm
2. **No-till/Reduced Tillage** – \$20 per acre up to 50 acres, increases in second and third year
3. **Low-Disturbance Manure Injection** – \$50 per acre, max \$2000/farm
4. **Split Nitrogen Application** – \$10 per acre, max \$1000/farm
5. **Soil Testing** – Up to \$18 per acre, max. \$1000/farm
6. **Manure and/or Tissue Testing** – Up to \$200 per farm, each

To participate in SRPF's 2019 program(s), please indicate which program(s) you would like to enroll in and the number of acres/samples you are enrolling. Receipts or other appropriate documentation are required for all programs. SRPF's cost share programs are intended to be a learning opportunity for members, therefore we ask that members be willing to share lessons learned and complete the appropriate information sheet (found on our website) for the program you are enrolling in. This will help us (and you) keep track of what members are testing so that we can learn from one another. **All data collected will remain confidential.** Final cost-share payments are dependent on available funds and will be distributed in early 2020. See page 2 for program details.

To enroll in a 2019 cost-share program, complete the form below, detach and return with receipts by **Nov. 15.**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____ Phone: _____

Are you comfortable sharing soil test data, Snap Plus files or other on farm metrics to help document continuous improvement? _____

Cost share program(s) enrollment:

Cover Crops _____ Acres **Total cover crops:** _____ Acres

Approximate field location/cross roads _____

No-till: _____ Acres enrolled. **Total no-till:** _____ Acres

Approximate field location/cross roads _____

Reduced-till (vertical till/strip-till): _____ Acres enrolled. **Total Reduced-till:** _____ Acres

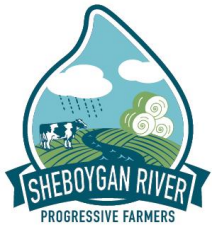
Approximate field location/cross roads _____

Low-disturbance Manure Injection: _____ Acres enrolled. **Total LDMI:** _____ Acres

Soil Testing _____ Acres enrolled **Total tested** _____ Acres

Tissue Testing _____ Acres enrolled **Total tested** _____ Acres

Manure Testing _____ Samples enrolled **Total tested** _____ Samples



2019 Sheboygan River Progressive Farmer Cost-Share Program Details

Goal – To research and promote on farm conservation practices that are beneficial for soil and water quality and overall farm sustainability. Also, to reduce economic risk associated with trying a new conservation practice.

Cover Crops: Cover crops have many on farm benefits including reducing soil erosion, nutrient losses and improving soil health. Producers interested in planting cover crops may be reimbursed for 75% of the cost of cover crop seed, planting and spring herbicide application (if applicable), up to \$40 per acre with a maximum of \$1500 per farm. Receipts are required for this program. Handwritten receipts are okay if providing your own seed or purchasing from a neighbor, for example.

Producers may select the cover crop seed and seeding method of their choice. Cover crops should ideally be planted by Oct.15 if possible and maintained until the following spring. Harvesting the cover crop as forage is admissible.

No-Till/Reduced Tillage: This project is targeted for producers who are open minded about trying no till, vertical till and strip till rotations for multiple years to determine if our soil health can be improved without reducing our yields. Interested producers should identify an area, up to 50 acres, and plan a three-year rotation using reduced tillage or no till. The area chosen will be the same area used for up to three years on this project. Participating producers are eligible for \$20 per acre for the first year, \$25 per acre on the second year and \$30 per acre on the third year.

Program participants are encouraged to keep yield records, field notes, and share the results with the SRPF. Producers are also encouraged to complete a soil health test at the beginning of each crop year to track changes in soil health over the course of the trial.

A limited amount of funding is available for this program, so priority will be given to no till applications over vertical or strip till. The producer may quit at any time.

Low-Disturbance Manure Injection: Manure is an invaluable on farm resource, but proper management can cause challenges. Injecting manure directly into the soil delivers nutrients and soil building materials where they are needed, while significantly reducing the risk of surface run-off. SRPF will reimburse producers interested in trying this practice at a rate of \$50 per acre up to \$2000 per farm for costs associated with injecting manure, including equipment rental. Receipts or other applicable documentation are required for this program.

Soil Testing: A suite of soil testing options are available through local ag retailers and results can be useful in making informed management decisions. To allow producers the flexibility to acquire soil test data that is of greatest interest to them, the SRPF will reimburse up to \$18 per soil test with a cap of \$1000 per farm. Receipts and documentation of soil tests are required to receive reimbursement.

Tissue Testing: Tissue sampling can be a good way to assess crop nutrient needs and deficiencies during the growing season in order to make in season nutrient application adjustments. The SRPF will reimburse plant tissue sampling up to \$200 per farm. Receipts and documentation of soil tests are required to receive reimbursement.

Manure Testing: Manure is a valuable component of a livestock operations crop fertility regime. Therefore, understanding the nutrient composition of the manure on your farm is essential to accurate and responsible nutrient management planning. Not all manure is created equal after all. SRPF will reimburse manure sampling up to \$200 per farm. Receipts and documentation of soil tests are required to receive reimbursement.

Split Nitrogen Application: Applying nitrogen fertilizer at reduced rates several times during the growing season, rather than all at once, will help ensure plants have the nutrients they need to prosper when they need them most. Splitting up fertilizer applications can also mean fertilizer savings, as less fertilizer is being applied and therefore lost, when there is no growing crop to take it up. The split nitrogen application cost share program will help cover the cost of split fertilizer applications at a rate of \$10 per acre up to \$1000 acres per farm.