



## 2021 Cost-Share Application – Due Nov. 15, 2021

The following cost-share programs are available to SRPF members in 2021:

- 1. Cover Crops** – 75% of total costs if left until spring, 50% of total costs if tilled in the fall. \*\*Bin-run-crop without a receipt you get paid market price\*\* Max of \$40/acre, \$1,500/farm
- 2. No-till/Reduced Tillage** – \$20/acre up to 50 acres, increases in second and third year. Max of \$2,500/farm
- 3. Planting Green** – Spring planting into a living cover crop. Producers can collect cost-share on cover crop in the fall, then collect an extra \$20 for planting green into the cover crop the following spring. Maximum of 50 acres or \$1,000/farm. *Not to be combined with no-till or reduced-till programs.*
- 4. Split Nitrogen Application** – Producers not currently applying split nitrogen are eligible to enroll in this program once. \$10/acre, max \$1,000/farm
- 5. Soil Testing** – For producers that have not soil tested within the past 5 years/farm, not field. Farm is eligible to enroll in this program once. Up to \$4/acre, max \$1,000/farm
- 6. Manure and/or Tissue Testing** – Up to \$200 per farm each
- 7. Equipment Upgrades** – Add-on or update to existing equipment. Must be signed up for another cost-share program. 20% of total costs up to \$1,500/farm
- 8. Crop Diversity 'growing season cover crop' Interseeding Program** – May includes legume, grass, multiple species, beans planted into corn. \$40/acre, max \$1,500/farm
- 9. Encapsulated/Stabilizer Nitrogen/Phosphorus Application** – Producers not currently applying encapsulated nitrogen and phosphorus are eligible to enroll in this program once. \$5/acre, max 100 acres, max \$500/farm

To participate, 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, as is completion of the SRPF Conservation Practice Survey (can be found on our website). SRPF's cost share program is intended to be a learning opportunity for members, so we ask that members be willing to share lessons learned from trying a new practice with the group. Members can use the farm info sheets provided to record and track their progress with a new practice or utilize their own form of record keeping.

Maximum payout of \$1,500 plus \$500 bonus if participating in three or more programs. Final cost-share payments are dependent on available funds and will be distributed at the end of the year. If you are not a SRPF member, please fill out the membership form (available at [srpfarmers.com](http://srpfarmers.com)) and pay membership dues. All data collected will remain confidential. See page 2 for program details.

**To enroll, complete the form on the next page and return (with receipts) by Nov. 15.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Type (circle): Dairy Beef Hog Crop Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Current crop rotation: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Cover crops</b>	# acres enrolled	Total # cover crop acres	<b>Cover crop practices prior to 2021 (circle):</b> No cover crop Rye cover crop after corn/beans Multispecies cover crops after wheat
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share:			
Cover crop species planted, after what crop, and method of planting:			
<b>No-till</b>	# acres enrolled	Total # no-till acres	<b>Tillage prior to 2021 (circle)</b> Fall chisel and/or disk and/or field cultivation Strip tillage Vertical tillage
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share:			
For which crops in your rotation are you using this practice?			
<b>Reduced/vertical/strip-till</b>	# acres enrolled	Total # reduced till acres	<b>Tillage prior to 2021 (circle)</b> Fall chisel and/or disk and/or field cultivation Strip tillage Vertical tillage
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share:			
For which crops in your rotation are you using this practice?			
<b>Planting green</b>	# acres enrolled	Total # planting green acres	
Date crop was planted		Crop planted into cover crop	
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share:			
<b>Split nitrogen application</b>	# acres enrolled	Total # split nitrogen acres	
Date of application(s)		Rate of N applied per application	
<b>Soil testing/tissue testing</b>	# acres enrolled	Total # tested acres	
<b>Manure Testing</b>	Samples enrolled	Total # manure tested samples	
<b>Equipment upgrades – list upgrade</b>			
<b>Crop diversity 'growing season cover crop' interseeding program</b>	# acres enrolled	Total # crop diversity acres	
Date main crop was planted	Main crop planted	Date interseed crop was planted	Interseed crop planted
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share:			
<b>Encapsulated/stabilizer nitrogen/phosphorus application</b>	# acres enrolled	Total # encapsulated N/P acres	
Date of application(s)		Product used	



## 2021 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:** 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/acre with a maximum of \$1,500/farm. If you bin-run crop without a receipt you will get paid market price. Receipts are required for this program. Handwritten receipts are okay if providing your own seed or purchasing from a neighbor, etc.

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 is targeted for producers who are open minded about trying no-till, vertical till and strip till rotations for multiple years to determine if soil health can be improved without reducing 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/acre for the first year, \$25/acre in the second year and \$30/acre in the third year.

Program participants are encouraged to keep yield records, field notes and share the results with 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.

**Planting Green:** Planting green refers to planting of primary crops into actively growing cover crops in the spring. This practice can be used when planting a grain crop such as corn or soybeans into a cover crop. Producers can collect cost share on cover crops in the fall, then collect an extra \$20 for planting green into the cover crop the following spring. Maximum of 50 acres up to \$1,000/farm. Not to be combined with no-till or reduced-till programs.

**Soil Testing:** A suite of soil testing options are available through local ag retailers. To allow producers the flexibility to acquire soil test data that is of greatest interest to them, the SRPF will reimburse up to \$4/acre with a cap of \$1000/farm. This program is for producers that have not soil tested within the past 5 years/farm, not field. Receipts and documentation of soil tests are required to receive reimbursement.

**Tissue Testing:** SRPF will reimburse plant tissue sampling up to \$200/farm. Receipts and documentation of soil tests are required to receive reimbursement.

**Split Nitrogen Application:** This program is for producers not currently applying split nitrogen. Producers would be eligible to enroll in this program once. The split nitrogen application cost share program will help cover the cost of split fertilizer applications at a rate of \$10/acre up to \$1,000 acres/farm.

**Manure Testing:** This program will reimburse manure sampling up to \$200/farm. Receipts and documentation of soil tests are required to receive reimbursement.

**Equipment Upgrades:** Add-on or update to existing equipment. You must be signed up for another cost-share program.

**Crop Diversity 'growing season cover crop' interseeding program:** Producers interested in interseeding a 'growing season cover crop' in the summer. The goal is to plant more diverse species mix into a main crop. This may include legume, grass, multiple species, beans planted into corn. This program will help cover the cost at a rate of \$40/acre up to max \$1,500/farm.

**Encapsulated/Stabilizer Nitrogen/Phosphorus Application:** This program is for producers not currently applying encapsulated nitrogen and/or phosphorus. Producers would be eligible to enroll in this program once. The encapsulated nitrogen/phosphorus cost share program will help cover the cost of encapsulated nitrogen/phosphorus application at a rate of \$5/acre, max 100 acres, max \$500/farm.