

Sign-up Now for Cover Crop Program.....Payment Rates Increased!!!

Applications can be accepted through July 8th for the 2026 cover crop program. Important reminders:

- Cover crop of your choice may be planted following NRCS standards and specifications in regards to planting dates and seeding rates
- Only certified seed may be used (you may have bin run seed tested)
- No restrictions on destroying cover crop (may be harvested, grazed or destroyed)
- Notify SWCD & FSA offices within 5 days of planting
- Submit seed invoices for payment
- Payment rates are \$20 per acre: MWCD payment level remains at \$12/acre but the SWCD board of supervisors have voted to pay an additional \$8/acre.

Local producers are beginning to notice the benefits of planting cover crops to decrease weed pressure in the spring, reduce erosion of topsoil, as well as improve organic matter numbers on soil tests, all of which are increasingly important, given the current small profit margins in grain cropping. So why not add \$20/acre into your rotation and reap all the other benefits as well? Stop by the office and get signed up!