

Cover Crop Incentive Program 2021-2022

The Cumberland County Conservation District is offering a Cover Crop Incentive Program for the 2021-2022 crop year. Any farmer who plants a winter cover crop is eligible for this incentive program. Cover crops that are no-till planted will be paid \$30.00 per acre or minimum tillage will be paid \$20.00 per acre. The amount of acreage that can be cost shared for each farmer is determined by the amount of interest in the program because there is a limited amount of funding each year.

New for this year is the Conservation Excellence Grant (CEG) cover crop program. A maximum of 200 acres can be cost shared for the CEG cover crop program. Dual species cover crops will be cost shared at \$40 per acre. Only one program can be applied for per operation/farm. Below is a list of requirements for the Multi Species CEG Cover Crop Program

- Multi species cover crops with a minimum of 15% being a broadleaf species
- Must be terminated, cannot be harvested in any way
- Must have 25% minimum live cover in spring
- Must use tested seed. If the grower wants to use home grown seed it must be tested for purity, germinating, and absence of noxious weeds.
- Examples of cover crop mixes
 - Small grains-wheat, rye, barley, triticale, and spelt
 - Broadleaf species- radish, clover, vetch, field peas, and canola

Farmers can only apply for one program: the Multi Species CEG Cover Crop Program or the Cumberland County Conservation District Cover Crop Program.

For more information or to apply please call Charles Heberlig III at 717-240-5357 or email at cheberlig@ccpa.net. Farms participating in these programs will be inspected by the Cumberland County Conservation District for Chapter 91 Manure Management Plan and Chapter 102 Agricultural Erosion and Sediment Control Plan compliance. **Deadline to apply for The Cumberland County Conservation District cover crop program is December 1, 2021. The CEG cover crop program is first come first serve, please apply as soon as possible.**