

## Achieve net positive or “break-even” with cost-shares and management

Protect soil and water quality, reduce chemical input costs, improve farm resiliency, boost yields, increase forage availability and improve wildlife habitat.

### Yield Increase Opportunities\* up to \$29/acre

Corn: As high as 15 bu per acre

Soybeans: Average 3 - 4 bu per acre








\*2020 Practical Farmers of Iowa study of 250 cover crop users in Iowa and 10 year cover crop effect on corn and soybean yield: <https://bit.ly/3cqDBGW>

### Management Opportunities

- Improved weed control; reduced herbicide costs
- Omit tillage pass while maintaining yields
- Hay savings from increased forage production

Cover crops can cost less if farmers, are intentional about seed and application costs (mix cover crop application with an existing pass)

## Cover Crop Cost-Sharing Programs 2020/2021

Program Name	Funding Type	Administered by	Payment Per Acre	Eligibility Notes	Sign Up Info
 PFI Cover Crops	Private	Practical Farmers of Iowa	\$10/Acre (\$40/acre for first year)	Use cover crops; sell soybeans to Landus	Practical Farmers of Iowa <a href="https://bit.ly/CoverCropCostShare">https://bit.ly/CoverCropCostShare</a>
 Bayer	Private	Bayer	\$10/Acre	Must be a Bayer Plus customer and utilize FieldView; new to cover crops or reduced tillage in past 12 months.	Sign Up online at <a href="https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/57213ebf9b3e4eab87ad792fe2b62ab3">https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/57213ebf9b3e4eab87ad792fe2b62ab3</a>
 Cover Crop/Crop Insurance Discount	Public*	IDALS	\$5/Acre Premium reduction	Certify cover crop fields	<a href="https://www.cleanwateriowa.org/covercroppdemo">https://www.cleanwateriowa.org/covercroppdemo</a>
 Emergency Derecho Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	Public*	NRCS/USDA	Basic payment of \$29.82 per acre	<a href="https://www.nrem.iastate.edu/bmpcosttools/files/page/files/2016%20EQIP%20Cover%20Crops%20-%20Practice%20Code%20340.pdf">https://www.nrem.iastate.edu/bmpcosttools/files/page/files/2016%20EQIP%20Cover%20Crops%20-%20Practice%20Code%20340.pdf</a>	Local NRCS office by October 2, 2020 for fall 2020 planting; <a href="https://bit.ly/3kJiMJD">https://bit.ly/3kJiMJD</a>
 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	Public*	NRCS/USDA	Basic payment of \$29.82 per acre	Eligibility: <a href="https://bit.ly/2RSiELA">https://bit.ly/2RSiELA</a>	Local NRCS office sign up: <a href="https://bit.ly/3kHc1Z1">https://bit.ly/3kHc1Z1</a>
 Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	Public*	NRCS/USDA	\$3.52 - \$26.67/acre	Eligibility <a href="https://bit.ly/3mRcRV1">https://bit.ly/3mRcRV1</a>	Local NRCS office by October 2, 2020 for fall 2020 planting; <a href="https://bit.ly/3kJiMJD">https://bit.ly/3kJiMJD</a>
 Water Quality Initiative	Public*	IDALS	\$25/\$15 per acre	\$25 for 1st time users, \$15 for repeat users	Registration at local Soil and Water Conservation District office. Applications are typically accepted late May through late July. Acres currently enrolled in state-level program are not eligible for federal-level cost-share dollars.

\*PFI funding can be combined with all public funding

Your Landus Field Sales Agronomist or Grain Marketing can connect you with Practical Farmers of Iowa or the Ag Clean Water Alliance for assistance in applying for state or federal dollars.