



2025 Cost-Share Application – Due Nov. 15, 2025

SRPF is proud to offer members cost-share incentives for implementing various conservation practices. The following programs are available to members in 2025:

- 1. Cover crops:** 75% of total costs if left until spring. ****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 \$1,500/farm.
- 3. Planting green:** Spring planting into a living cover crop. Farmers can collect cost-share on cover crop in the fall, then collect an extra \$20/acre 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 program.
- 4. Split nitrogen application:** Farmers not currently applying split nitrogen are eligible to enroll in this program once. \$10/acre, max \$1,000/farm.
- 5. Crop diversity 'growing season cover crop' interseeding program:** Includes legume, grass, multiple species, beans planted into corn. \$40/acre, max \$1,500/farm.
- 6. Low disturbance manure injection:** \$15/acre, max 100 acres, max \$1,500/farm.
- 7. Grazing management:** \$20/acre, 5-acre min, max \$1,000 per written plan.
- 8. Soil health testing:** \$50/sample, max \$500

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 including cover crops, split nitrogen application, crop diversity 'growing season cover crop' interseeding program, and soil health testing; as is completion of the SRPF Member 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.

Maximum payout of \$2,000 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) and pay membership dues. All data collected will remain confidential. See page 3 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: _____



Cover crops	# acres enrolled	Total # cover crop acres	Cover crop practices prior to 2025 (check box): <input type="checkbox"/> No cover crop <input type="checkbox"/> Rye cover crop after corn/beans <input type="checkbox"/> Multispecies cover crops after wheat
Pound/acre of bin-run		Planting rate	
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share:			
Cover crop species planted, after what crop, and method of planting (Required to answer all 3 questions):			
<input type="checkbox"/> No-till <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced <input type="checkbox"/> Vertical <input type="checkbox"/> Strip-till <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Check the box	# acres enrolled	Total # no-till acres	Tillage prior to 2025 (check box) <input type="checkbox"/> Fall chisel/disk/field cultivation <input type="checkbox"/> Strip tillage <input type="checkbox"/> 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?			
Planting green	# acres enrolled	Total # planting green acres	
Crop planted into cover crop		Date crop was planted	
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share:			
Split nitrogen application	# acres enrolled	Total # split nitrogen acres	
Date of application(s)		Rate of N applied per application	
Crop diversity 'growing season cover crop' interseeding program	# 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:			
Low disturbance manure injection	# acres enrolled	Total # Low disturbance manure injection acres	
Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share:			
Grazing management	# acres for cost share	Total # pasture acres this year	



Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share (include field map):		
Who is supporting the plan writing? (Glacierland RC&D, NRCS, Land Conservation, Other) (Required):		
Soil health testing	# total samples	Date of sample
<input type="checkbox"/> Haney Test <input type="checkbox"/> Phospholipid Fatty Acid Test (PLFA) <input type="checkbox"/> Total Nutrient Digestion analysis (TDN) *Check the box	Would you like assistance interpreting the report?	

Questions? Please contact us at srpfarmers17@gmail.com or (920) 946-2410 (Brody Stapel)



2025 Sheboygan River Progressive Farmers 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: Members 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. Applicants 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 members 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 members 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 members are eligible for \$20/acre for the first year, \$25/acre in the second year and \$30/acre in the third year.

Planting green: Planting green refers to planting 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 terminated a week before or a week after planting green. Members 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.

Split nitrogen application: This program is for members not currently applying split nitrogen. Members are 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/farm.

Crop diversity 'growing season cover crop' interseeding program: Members 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 \$1,500/farm.

Low disturbance manure injection: Manure injection is a low-disturbance system which places the manure below the soil surface, offering the same benefits of incorporation, without tillage, leaving the soil surface minimally disturbed. LDMI can be practiced into alfalfa, cover crops, grass hay, wheat, or small grain fields that are actively growing or harvested wheat, soybean or corn fields. This program will cover the cost at a rate of \$15/acre up to max \$1,500/farm.

Grazing management: To support the implementation of a grazing management program. May include additional expenses focused on managed intensive grazing such as seed costs, conservation practices, etc. Identify who is writing the program such as Glacierland RC&D, NRSC, Land Conservation. Reimbursements of 5 acre minimum and \$1,000 maximum per applicant.

Soil health testing: Three options. The Haney Test provides an overall soil health score by assessing water-extractable nutrients, microbial activity, and organic matter. In contrast, the Phospholipid Fatty Acid (PLFA) test specifically analyzes the cell membranes of microbes to detail the structure of the microbial community, including fungal-to-bacterial ratios. Total Nutrient Digestion (TDN) analysis reveals a soil's total nutrient potential, including nutrients not readily available, by breaking down the entire soil matrix. Reimbursement of \$50/sample up to \$500.

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