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Farmers for Soil Health is a national USDA **Climate-Smart Commodities Partnership** project that will accelerate long-term cover crop adoption on more than **1 million acres.**

The project will touch down in 20 states, including Ohio, and will offer producers a transition **incentive payment**, along with personalized technical assistance to implement cover crops.

Ohio Farmers for Soil Health

USING COVER CROPS TO ADVANCE SOIL HEALTH – AND PRODUCTIVITY.

The Nature Conservancy is teaming up with Ohio Soybean Council, Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers Association and Ohio Agribusiness Association to help Ohio corn and soybean producers access funding for 65,000 acres of cover crops by 2027.

Why cover crops? Healthy soils are the foundation of a productive, sustainable farm. By investing in cover crops, you can improve your soil health today and maintain a prosperous farm into the future.

Protect your investment and improve productivity.

By planting cover crops, you can improve water infiltration and enhance your soil with the nutrients it needs, reducing herbicide and pesticide usage, saving you money and improving long-term fertility.

Prevent soil erosion, protect water quality, and make your crops more resilient.

With an annual rate of soil loss at 2.7 tons per acre, erosion represents a significant cost to Ohio farmers. By adding cover crops, you can reduce erosion and protect your investment. And, as weather patterns become more unpredictable, cover crops offer a safety net for your farm, ensuring consistent production.

Support your community and leave a legacy at the same time.

By adopting sustainable farming practices, you contribute to the well-being of your community and the health of its natural resources, which benefit everyone. And by prioritizing soil health and cover crops, you are preserving your land for future generations.

Visit farmersforsoilhealth.com/enrollment to receive **incentive payments and technical support** to add cover crops to your fields this year.





Full tillage © TNC

Soil after 8 years of no till
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PROGRAM DETAILS

- This program is available for three years.
 - \$25/acre** year 1
 - \$15/acre** year 2
 - \$10/acre** year 3
- **\$2/acre** available on existing acres
- **Free technical assistance** for 4 years
- **1 year lookback** on existing acres
- **Dedicated funding** for underserved producers

Farmers for Soil Health (FSH) Transition Incentive Payments (TIPs) can be stacked with other Climate Smart Commodities project payments if they are paying for something other than the cover crop practice.

FSH TIPs can be stacked with other state or private (non-federal) incentives and cost share opportunities, such as H2Ohio nutrient management plans.

*Must be eligible for NRCS EQIP to qualify.
Cover crops must comply with NRCS Practice Standard 340.
Enrollment acres capped at 500 per applicant.*

Project Partners and Sponsors

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	National Pork Board
USDA	NCAT
National Corn Growers Association	DTN
United Soybean Board	Soil Health Institute

RESOURCES EXIST TO HELP.

GET STARTED TODAY.

Visit farmersforsoilhealth.com to enroll.

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