



Farmers of the Sugar River

Application for cost sharing conservation practices for 2024

Farmers of the Sugar River encourage and challenge farmers **to *try a new conservation practice or to improve it the next year (more species, more acres, less tillage, ect).***

The following practices are being offered:

***Incentive payment of \$15/acre** (with a maximum of \$1000/ farm or 66.6 ac) per practice (can be stacked with other practices):

1. **First** time no-till planting of small grains, alfalfa, corn or soybeans- especially includes planting green
2. **First** time planting of cover crops (by drilling, aerial, or broadcast) (second and third years may be eligible if monies available, but at a reduced rate)
3. Low disturbance manure injection
4. Roller crimper to terminate cover crops

***Soil Testing-** We'll pay for soil health tests, soil nitrate tests and/or biomass sampling of your fields to help you make better fertilization decisions. Samples sent in for analysis at AgSource.

***Pollinator plantings-** We'll pay \$150/ac to plant an annual pollinator planting for honey bees and other pollinators (lasts 1 year) and \$500/ac to plant a perennial pollinator habitat for monarchs (lasts many years). Site prep recommendations will be given.

Honey bee mix (possible)

Buckwheat
Phacelia
Berseem Clover
Crimson Clover
Annual Sunflower
Red Clover
Oats
Pearl Millet

Monarch mix (possible)

Purple Prairie Clover
Stiff Goldenrod
Ox-eye Sunflower
Golden Alexanders
Black-Eyed Susan
Bergamot
Common Milkweed
Yellow Coneflower
Butterfly Milkweed
Hoary Vervain

Cupplant
Rattlesnake Master
Purple Coneflower
New England Aster
Culver's Root
Big Bluestem
Little Bluestem
Indiangrass
Sideoats Grama
Switchgrass

Farmers of the Sugar River are invested in learning and growing of information through practices as provided above. We encourage recipients of cost share monies, as well as those interested and doing their own conservation practices *without cost share monies*, to provide feedback and insight into their practices, results (good/bad/no change), and future changes from practices tried. Please use Tonya.Gratz@wi.nacdnet.net as a contact for practice payment availability, sharing of information, and mentor opportunities.

All incentive/cost share payments will be dependent on available funds.



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Name: _____ Optional Farm Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____

Email Address: _____

Best phone number- landline or cell (circle which): _____

Are you on our email list? Yes or no?

Do you want to be added to our email list? Yes or no Text list? Yes or No

Operation type: Dairy / Grain / Beef / other

How many total cropland acres do you manage? _____

Do you have a current Nutrient Management Plan? _____ if not, would you like to learn how to write one for your farm? _____

Current crop rotation and tillage to plant each crop- applies to the acres that would receive the incentive payment: (example: corn grain and soybeans- no till corn, field finisher soybeans)

Practice you'd like to receive an incentive payment for/ change to your system: (example: cover crop after soybeans) _____ on _____ acres (payment caps at 66.6ac, but you can report more)

If you're planting pollinator habitat, what was the cover on the space you're converting? _____

How many acres are you planting to pollinator habitat? _____
