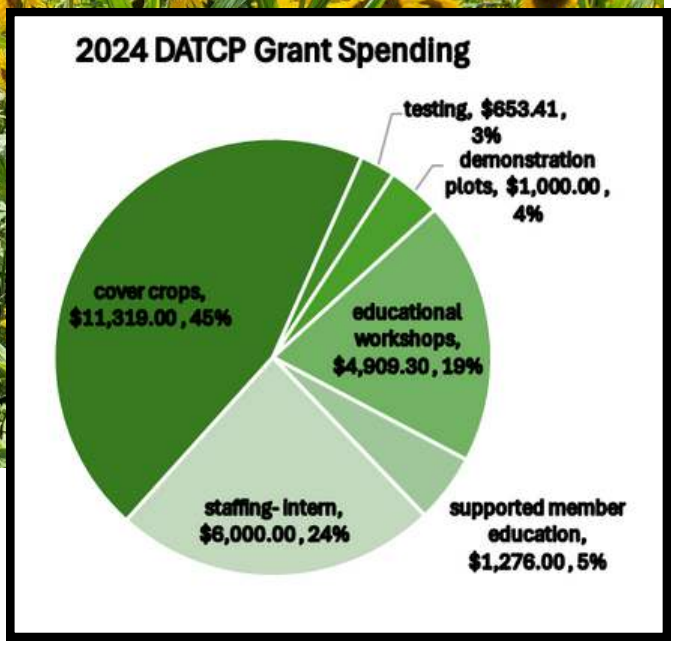
Farmers of the Sugar River Activities Update Feb 2025



2024 EVENTS & OUTCOMES

- Pinnacle Dairy Tour Jan 16th 14 people
- Round tables- Toffler's (1/18) 10 attendees & Spring Grove Town Hall (2/27) 11 people
- Annual Meeting (2/9)- Blake Vince Speaker- 93 attendees
- Shop Talk (3/19)- Calibrating drills & Maintenance- at Wenger's Shop- 16 people
- June 18 Summer Field Day @ Feller's - 33 people saw rainfall simulator, earthworms, and soil pit
- Aug 2- Summer Picnic- Albany Park- 12 attendees
- Microbiology Workshop @ Bert Paris'- 19 people- soil under microscope, soil biology, compost tea & extracts
- 33 subscriptions to No-Till Farmer Magazine
- 4 subscriptions to Acres USA Magazine
- Two scholarships to attend Acres USA Conference in Madison
- Two Nitrogen plots in the watershed (Faessler & Feller)

Check out our website for resources from past meetings: https://greencountylwcd.com/plans-summaries/

2024 INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

15 Farmers received cover crop incentive payments (plus 3 more were paid using other funds) Total paid out= $14,319

- Average cost to put in cover crops= $44.24 (down $5.62/ac from 2023)
- 1,799 acres planted covers with incentives (88 acres less than last year)
- Cost to no till was $15/ac
- 450 ac no till/ planting green incentivized (62.5 ac less than last year)

2025 PLANS

- Pop up field day- frost seeding clover into winter wheat? TBD
- Pop up field day- grazing covers in spring- TBD
- Summer Field Day- TBD
- Shop Talk- August 2025: Combine Cleaning & Weed Management
- composting demonstration- stay tuned

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