

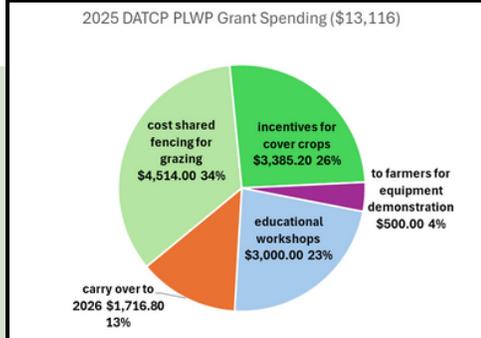
2025 EVENTS & OUTCOMES



Farmers of the Sugar River Update Feb 2026

- Tour of Kuhn Manufacturing (1/28) 25 attended
- Roundtables- Spring Grove (1/15) 13 attendees & Toffler's (2/6) 9 people
- Biological emphasis meetings- LWCD office (1/20) 12 people & (2/17) 6 attendees
- Annual Meeting (2/19) 75 attended to hear about neonicinoids, seed treatments, planting green, composting, farming for community and nitrogen plot results
- Pop up field day at Jeremy Luckey's (5/22) 7 gathered to look at infiltration, brix readings, planting depth of corn, soil structure and penetrometer readings
- Shop Talk- Combine Cleaning@ Wenger's (7/29) 17 farmers attended to ID waterhemp, palmer amaranth and other weeds, learn the hot spots on combine to clean out seeds to reduce weed spread
- Cover Crop & Planter Demo @ Nick Faessler's (8/7) 36 attendees talked about cover crops, looked at potted plants and seeds and then 5 planters and drills put in a diverse cover crop mix

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



matching funds	source	amount
food donations at annual meeting	Bank of New Glarus, Compeer, Klondike Cheese Company attendees	\$ 180
cover charge at meeting	attendees	\$ 510
in kind donation- half day use rent	Albany Lions Club	\$ 200
lunch for combine cleaning shop talk	Lake Ridge Bank	\$ 200
lunches for board meetings	past local businesses	\$ 140
donation	Mike Plucinski	\$ 250
Cover crops 101 books	past local businesses	\$ 162
Registration for 1 farmer & print poster for WWASH conf.	past local businesses	\$ 205
farmer costs to plant covers- incentive payment	farmers	\$ 12,449
Sand County Foundation	SCF/ NRCS & Farmers	\$ 64,280
Farmer Led Funds		
Total Leveraged:		\$ 78,576

2025 INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

- 1 farmer received \$0.50/ft fence installed (9,028') to be able to rotationally graze his whole farm
- 5 farmers received cover crop incentive payments from DATCP grant for planting 282.1 acres
- 14 farmers received \$55,918.80 from Sand County Foundation Farmer Led Fund Grant for planting 1,859.5 acres.
 - Average overall cost to plant cover crops= \$34.02/ac
 - 2,141.6 acres cover crops planted with incentives (342.6 acres more than last year)



2026 PLANS

- planting soybeans "green" into a living cover crop of rye to see if it helps with reducing white mold in the soybeans
- evaluating the yield and economics of starter fertilizer in a manured system
- converting cropland to pasture demonstration site and field day
- Shop Talk- March 17- @ W1950 Giese Rd, Juda-Jake's shop. Seed lubricants and biologicals in setting up corn planters
- Summer activities- infiltration competition & field day



2026 BOARD MEMBERS

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