

Soil and Water Phosphorus Program

Ohio Working Lands Small Grains Program

Purpose

1. To encourage agricultural producers to establish small grains in a crop rotation that can be used for manure application following harvest.
2. To expand the application window for livestock producers to allow manure and nutrients to be applied.
3. To expand acres of manure utilization.
4. To promote cover crop plantings following small grains.
5. To minimize the risk of manure and nutrient runoff.

Applicability

Applies to cropland areas where a small grain is added into the crop rotation. Eligible land must be used for manure application following harvest of the small grain. A cover crop must be established following manure application.

Specifications

The completed practice must meet the **Criteria for Small Grains Seeding, Establishment, and Maintenance**.

Guidelines

1. Only cropland acreage will be considered eligible for this program.
2. Practice size is limited to acres receiving a manure application. The land **must** be used for manure application following harvest of the small grain. Land planted to small grain and not used for manure application is **not eligible** for payments.
3. A small grain must be planted and harvested. Eligible small grains include Wheat, Barley, Oats, Cereal Rye, Triticale Spelt. Small grains shall be planted with the intention to harvest the crop for grain and not for forage.
4. Baling straw is allowed following the harvest of small grains.
5. Manure applications shall follow setbacks and guidance in NRCS 590 Nutrient Management Practice Standard.
6. No manure applications are allowed on fields with soil tests above 50 ppm Phosphorus (Bray).
7. Guidelines for Manure Application must be created by SWCD prior to the application of any manure. Soil tests and manure analysis must be supplied and meet **Criteria for Working Lands Small Grains Program Seeding, Establishment, and Maintenance**.
8. Records of manure application **are required** and must be turned in to the SWCD prior to any cost-share payment.
9. A cover crop or double crop must be established following small grain harvest and manure application.
10. Cover Crops residue must be maintained until March 1st of the following year.
11. No tillage may be done after September 15th
12. Cost-share funding to provide records, establish small grains, and to establish a cover crop following manure application is authorized at a rate of **\$75 per acre**.

Technical Responsibilities

SWCD/DSWC staff are responsible for determining the need for the practice and certifying that the practice meets the Criteria for Small Grains Seeding, Establishment, and Maintenance. SWCD staff shall review records and conduct an on-site visit at the time of practice establishment of cover crops and verify manure was applied following harvest. A payment of **\$5 per acre** will be made to the SWCD for administration and fulfilling technical responsibilities.

Participant Payments

Participants will receive payments when verification of all program requirements are met.