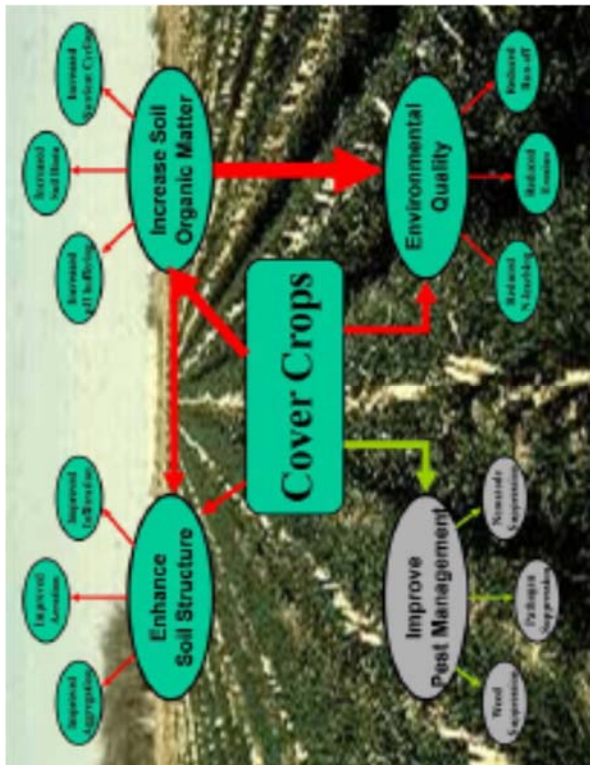


Deadline to sign up is September 30, 2018.
 Limited funding is available! Contracts will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis.



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Diverse Species Cover Crop Incentive Program

Improving soil health by incorporating diverse species cover crop mixes into a systems approach to regenerating soils and profits on farms.



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The Northumberland County Conservation District in cooperation with NRCS is offering a Diverse Cover Crop Incentive Program. The goal of the program is to demonstrate the successful use of cover crops as a means to improve soil health on local farms while reducing production costs and improving water quality and infiltration. Soil health will be improved through a systems approach including No-Till and diverse species cover cropping.

Diverse Species Cover Crop Mixes

- Enhanced weed suppression/control
- Reduced production costs
- Improved soil health
- Enhanced nutrient cycling
- Soil armor (erosion protection)
- Improved soil moisture holding capacity
- Improved soil structure (Increased infiltration)
- Enhanced habitat for beneficial insects

Guidelines for the Incentive Program:

- Acreage applied for must be located in Northumberland County.
- This is a two year program 2018-2019
- To be eligible, you must be planting cover crops for the first time. OR if you have previously planted cover crops you must be willing to plant multi species.
- Cover must be established via No-Till drill or broadcast seeded.
- Incentive rates will vary from \$15/acre for program re-enrollees to \$45/acre for new applicants.
- Cover crops planted in this program cannot be harvested for grain. Forage harvesting / grazing is acceptable.
- Late planted cover crops cannot be terminated earlier than 7 days prior to planting.
- Attendance at the Conservation District's Spring Soil Health Conference or one local Conservation District sponsored field day is required or second year eligibility will be terminated.
- There is a 100 acre cap per operator.
- Diverse mixes must include a minimum of 3 species. One species must overwinter. (ex. Winter grain)
- Cover crops must be planted by November 15th.
- All seed must be certified. Bin run seed must be cleaned and tested for germination and noxious weeds.
- Seed tags must be submitted for practice completion and payment certification.
- Incentive payments will be reimbursable. Payments may take up to 6 months after planting of cover crops. This is due to the funding source.

Sign Up for the Incentive Program Today!

Complete the form below and submit to Northumberland County.

Deadline to submit an application: **September 30, 2018**

This is a first come, first serve program

Landowner _____	# of Acres, up to 100 _____
Street Address _____ _____ _____	Do you have the required plans: <input type="checkbox"/> Manure Management Plan <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Ag Erosion & Sedimentation Control Plan OR Conservation Plan *Need to have approved plan by end of contract period
Phone Number _____	
Email _____	



Check the category of participants you fall into (check all that apply)

Producers Choice

Never Used Cover Crops	
Used Cover Crops previously but would like to try on more acres with multi-species	
Participated in CD Program	
*** Consult with crop insurance guidelines about interseeding into a standing crop and cover crop termination guidelines	
*** Consult with seed company about short season varieties	

Examples of diverse species cover crop mixes will be available to choose from for different scenarios OR a custom mix can be developed when working with

CD or NRCS