



2025 Cost-share application – Due Dec. 1, 2025

The following cost-share programs are available to DCF HSHW members in 2025:

1. **Cover crops** – {\$20/acre, 50-acre max}
2. **Grazing management** – {\$1,000 per written plan, 5-acre min}
3. **Pasture Improvement** – {\$25/acre, 80-acre max}
4. **No-tillage/Strip-tillage** (**MUST NOTIFY COUNTY AT TIME OF PLANTING**) – {\$20/acre, 50-acre max}
5. **Sustainability Assessment** – {\$500 per assessment}
6. **Tissue Sampled or SAP Analysis** – {50% of cost up to \$500.00}

Max incentive payment per farm is \$1,000

The cost-share program is designed to be inclusive to help every member meet their soil and water conservation goals. The practices above have been shown to provide a suite of benefits, including but not limited to, reducing soil erosion by wind and water, limiting nutrient losses via leaching, runoff, or other loss pathways, and improving soil health.

To participate, please indicate which program(s) you would like to enroll in and the number of acres you are enrolling. Receipts are required for some programs. DCF's cost share program is intended to be a learning opportunity for members, so we ask that members be willing to share lessons learned from trying a new practice with the group. Applicants may apply for multiple programs on different acres.

Final cost-share payments are dependent on available funds and will be distributed no later than the first quarter of 2025. Priority will be given to first-time and early applicants. If you are not yet a DCF member, please fill out the membership form (available at dodgecountyfarmers.com) and pay the \$50 membership dues. All applicants must complete the member conservation practice survey and pay membership dues to qualify. All applications must be turned into the Land and Water Conservation Department.

To enroll, complete the form on the next page and return (with receipts) by Dec. 1.

How it works:

- ✓ Plant cover crops (whatever variety fits into your farming system) in fields harvested for wheat, corn silage or other crops. Only acres in Dodge County are eligible.
- ✓ It is required to have a Snap Plus nutrient management plan.
- ✓ To support implementation of a grazing management program (may include additional expenses focused on managed intensive grazing).
- ✓ Implement no-till/limited/strip till in fields harvested for corn, beans or wheat
- ✓ Evaluation of conservation practices to improve soil health and water quality.
- ✓ Let DCF know how many total acres are in each practice and how many acres will be cost-shared.
- ✓ Complete the DCF member conservation practice survey and pay membership dues.

***All individual farm data is confidential.** Final cost-share payments dependent on funds. To enroll, complete the form below and on page 2:

Name: _____ Farm Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

St: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Preferred phone: _____



Cost share application information. Choose appropriate program(s)

Questions? Please contact jbohonek@co.dodge.wi.us or (920) 386-3662 (John Bohonek)

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| 1.Cover Crops | # acres for cost share | Total # cover crop acres planted this year | |
| Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share (include field map) | | | |
| Cover crop species planted, after what crop and method of planting | | | |
| 2.Grazing Management | # acres for cost share | Total # pasture acres this year | |
| Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share (include field map) | | | |
| Who is supporting the plan writing? (Glacierland RC&D, NRCS, Land Conservation, Other) | | | |
| 3.Pasture Improvement | # acres for cost share | Total # pasture acres this year | |
| Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share (include field map) | | | |
| How did you improve existing pasture? | | | |
| 4.No-Tillage/Strip-Tillage (circle) MUST NOTIFY THE COUNTY AT TIME OF PLANTING | # acres for cost share | Total # no-tillage/strip- tillage acres this year | Tillage prior to 2024 (circle) Fall chisel and/or field cultivation Strip tillage Vertical tillage Other: |
| Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share (include field map) | | | |
| For what crops in your rotation are you using this practice? | | | |
| 5.Sustainability Assessment | # acres total (owned and managed) | Date of assessment | |
| Provide confirmation of assessment with the County office (approved letter of assessment) | | | |
| Sustainability improvements (include details) | | | |
| 6.Tissue Samples or SAP Analysis | # acres total | Date of Sampling | |
| Field ID and approximate location/crossroads for acres enrolled in cost share (include field map) | | | |
| For what crops in your rotation are you using this practice? | | | |



1. Cover Crops: Plant cover crops (whatever fits into your farming system) in fields harvested for wheat, corn silage, or another cropping scenario. Cover crops should ideally be planted in the fall and maintained until the following spring. Harvesting the cover crop as forage is admissible. Alfalfa does not qualify for this program. Receipts are required for this program. Handwritten receipts are okay if providing your own seed or purchasing from a neighbor, etc. Only acres in Dodge County are eligible. Reimbursement of \$20/acre with a maximum incentive payment of \$1,000/farm.

2. Grazing Management: To support the implementation of a grazing management program. May include additional expenses focused on managed intensive grazing such as seed costs, conservation practices, etc. Identify who is writing the program such as Glacierland RC&D, NRCS, Land Conservation. Reimbursements of 5-acre minimum with a maximum incentive payment of \$1,000/farm.

3. Pasture Improvement: To support offsetting the cost of reintroducing legumes to a pasture, adding lime, subdividing pastures, or anything else that improves the management or longevity of your pastures. Identify who is writing the plan of improvement such as Glacierland RC&D, NRCS, Land Conservation. Reimbursements of \$25.00/ac up to 40 acres or \$1,000/farm.

4. No-tillage/Strip-tillage: **MUST NOTIFY THE COUNTY AT TIME OF PLANTING.** Practice no-tillage and or strip-tillage in fields harvested for corn, beans or wheat. Identify field ID and approximate location, tillage practice prior to this year, and what crops in your rotation are you using this practice. Only acres in Dodge County are eligible. Reimbursement of \$20/acre with a maximum incentive payment of \$1,000/farm.

5. Sustainability Assessment: To support the participation and implementation of a sustainability assessment. Confirmation of assessment of entire farm is required. Only farms in Dodge County are eligible. Reimbursement of \$500 per assessment. Contact the Dodge County Land and Conservation Office for more information.

6. Tissue Samples or SAP Analysis: This practice is designed to take a snapshot of the nutrient levels in plants and help to identify any deficiencies or imbalances. The incentive offered is 50% of the cost to do the sampling and analysis up to \$500.