



Clinton County SWCD 2023 Cover Crop Program Agreement

Date: _____

Farm Name:	
Owner's Name:	Watershed:
Address:	Field Location(s)/Tract #s
Phone:	# Acres proposed:
Email:	Program Options: AEM CRF LCCC AgNPS LAP

Our Cover Crop program proposed purpose is to protect water quality by reducing erosion, run off and leaching of phosphorus in to Lake Champlain. Additional benefits include conserving soil, capture nutrients, reduce weed competition, mitigate soil compaction, build soil organic matter, and/or improve overall soil health.

CCSWCD will be taking applications for cover crops to be used following summer or fall crop harvest.

- Payment rate of \$70.00 per acre of cover crop established
- District's No-Till Drill will be made available to participants to rent on a priority basis
- District will determine acres cost shared based on funding available, program available, # of applicants and determination of potential soil health improvement, water quality, and climate benefit.

The Participant agrees to the following Rules and priorities:

- Farm must participate in AEM (Agricultural Environmental Management) Tier 3A Cover Crop Planning, Implementation and Evaluation process
- Seed used must be tagged/certified and applied at the recommended NRCS rate and date
 - Cereal rye 112#/acre by 10/10/23, consult NRCS stds for other seed types
- Cover Crop practice must be applied to cropland planted to corn or other annual crop
- Cover Crop must be planted by October 10, 2023
- All seed must be incorporated via drill **or** broadcasting **with** subsequent tillage
- Fields will be selected and mapped at the time of planning
- Maximum benefit will depend on program
- SWCD staff will field check implementation in the fall
- Payment will be made following evaluation of establishment

On the farm(s) identified above, the Applicant agrees to participate in the 2023 CCSWCD Cover Crop Program if the application is accepted and funding awarded by the CCSWCD.

Participant Signature _____ Date: _____

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