

## **Costs and Benefits of Cover Crops Study: FAQs**

**Q: Can my fields be irrigated?**

A: The fields in the study cannot be irrigated because this will cause unneeded variance in the data.

**Q: Does the type of cover crop used matter?**

A: No, you are free to use any type of cover crop that you want. All we ask is that you tell us what cover crops you are using each year.

**Q: Do I need to have five years of continuous cover crop use for my cover crop fields?**

A: This would be the ideal scenario. However, if we are unable to find enough fields with five continuous years of data, fields with a shorter period of cover crop use may be possible.

**Q: The county that I farm in isn't one of the selected counties, but it is adjacent to one and it has similar soils. Am I still eligible?**

A: Yes, you are welcome to participate in our project.

**Q: Does the size of my fields matter?**

A: We have no restrictions on field size

**Q: How do I need to document the yields for my fields?**

A: We only need to know the information about average yield that you are confident is correct. Since this is not a legal issue, yield data does not need to be presented using yield maps or weigh tickets.

**Q: If I have a field that I am not currently growing cover crops on, but plan to in the future, can I grow cover crops on them during the study?**

A: You can enroll those fields as non-cover crop fields so long as you do not plan on starting cover crops on the field until year 3 of the project.

**Q: Can I still participate if I don't have five fields that are eligible for the study?**

A: Yes, you are still welcome to participate. However, you will receive compensation a a rate of \$200 per field.

**Q: Can fields with manure applied be used in the study?**

Yes. It would need to be documented like chemical fertilizer.