ILLINOIS, INDIANA, IOWA, MINNESOTA, OHIO AND WISCONSIN FARMERS - earn $25/acre cost share on up to 100 acres by diversifying a corn and soybean rotation with a year of small grains and a summer cover crop containing at least one legume species.

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM:

• Plant a small grain (barley, cereal rye, oats, triticale or wheat) that will be harvested in 2020 and follow it with an underseeded or summer planted legume cover crop;
• On land that is NOT certified organic (transitioning OK) and NOT already cost shared through another program for extended rotations (NRCS Practice 328);
• Complete our online survey in the small grain year and the following corn year describing your production practices and expenses;
• Attend at least one learning opportunity per year such as a shared learning call, a field day, or the in-person small grains annual conference;
• Become a PFI member. As a member of Practical Farmers of Iowa you will have access to additional support on producing small grains! Members gain access to a field crop discussion group, invitations to on-farm field days, opportunities to participate in on-farm research and much more.

SMALL GRAINS GROWER SUPPORT:

To complement the cost share, Practical Farmers operates a full program of educational, agronomic and community resources around growing small grains. Whether or not you participate in the cost share, take advantage of the following opportunities:

• Monthly “shared learning” calls, one-hour phone presentations on a small grains production or marketing topic;
• Monthly e-newsletters delivering resources on small grains direct to your inbox based on what’s happening in the field that month;
• Field days on small grains production and extended rotations;
• Annual small grains conferences rotating through states in the upper midwest;
• And connection to experienced farmer mentors and a community of other farmers interested in extended rotations and small grains.

Visit bit.ly/SmallGrainsCostShare or call (515) 232-5661 to register for the program or learn more about our small grains resources and events.