

Practical Farmers of Iowa

SMALL GRAINS COST-SHARE

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.

