

# Practical Farmers of Iowa Small Grains Cost-Share



## To Participate in the Program:

- Plant a **small grain** (barley, cereal rye, oats, triticale or wheat) that will be harvested in 2019 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, annual grower summit call, or the in-person small grains annual conference;
- Become a **PFI member!**

## 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.

“The ability to diversify my operation is the key. The more diversified your operation, the more able you are to ride through the rough trends by subsidizing your operation one place or another.”

- Wade Dooley, PFI Member, Cost Share Participant



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.

**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.

**Contact Alisha (alisha@practicalfarmers.org or 515 232 5661) to register for the program or learn more about our small grains resources and events.**



Practical Farmers of Iowa equips farmers to build resilient farms and communities. Founded in 1985, farmers in our network raise corn, soybeans, livestock, hay, fruits and vegetables, and more. To learn more, visit <http://practicalfarmers.org>.