

N340 Cover Crop Policy Changes

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Good afternoon,

The commission did approve changes to the N340 cover crop practice policies during the August 14, 2024 meeting. The commission approved to remove the lifetime maximum and put a \$5,000 annual maximum per cooperator in place. Any cooperator that previously reached the \$20,000 lifetime maximum is eligible to receive cost-share assistance again with the annual maximum.

The commission also approved to remove the two production crop rotation requirement. The practice still has to be applied to cropland where a production row crop is grown.

With the changes to the annual maximum, the commission also reviewed the drought variances for the cover crop practice. The commission decided to leave the annual maximum in place for cooperator in FY25 even if they are planning to harvest the cover crops for livestock feed.

There are several districts waiting on the outcome of this meeting prior to starting cover crop practices so the program wanted to share these changes as soon as possible. A memorandum will be sent with outlining the changes as well and the practice policies will be updated in the cost-share handbook.

Let your coordinator know if you have any questions.

Thanks.

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