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Good morning,

See the email below and the attached information about additional funding available for producers implementing cover crops or doing reduce tillage for the first time. The funding is only available to producers in the counties identified on the attached map. Please share the information with producers that might be eligible.

Thank you,

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We'd like your feedback on the service you received from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Please consider taking a few minutes to complete the department's Customer Satisfaction Survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MoDNRsurvey>. Thank you.

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Subject: RE: DeLong Co. - Missouri Farmer Funding

Hello,

A new sustainable agriculture program is now being offered to Missouri farmers. Per-acre premiums are available for **newly adopted practices** for either Cover Crops or Reduced/No-Till practices. Premiums increase each year with continued participation. Enrollment is one crop season at a time (2026 start) with an option to renew annually, up to seven seasons and no penalty to drop out. Key points are below; full details in the attached one-pager.

Per Acre Annual Incentives:

- Cover Crops starting at: \$30/ac
- Reduced Tillage starting at: \$15/ac

To Be Eligible:

- Fields are located in designated Missouri counties (see list in the one-pager).
- **Fields must have started cover crops or reduced or no till for the first time for crop**

year 2026.

- Practices must be or have been implemented for the first time on the qualifying fields in the fall of 2025 or spring of 2026 (after harvest/before planting) for the 2026 crop year.
- Fields must have at least one of these cash crops: corn, soybeans, cotton, or milo (wheat is ineligible during the program term).
- Fields must be Non-irrigated; no tile drainage; *no grazing during the 2026 crop*.
- Not enrolled in another privately funded program paying incentives for these practices for 2026. **This program is stackable with federally funded programs such as EQIP, RCPP, CSP and MO state cost-share program.**

Acres are limited and the program will enroll growers on a first come, first serve basis. For more information regarding the program and help getting signed up call (608)-676-3041 or email ella.thome@delongcompany.com.

Thanks,



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Water Outcomes 2026 Program - Missouri

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This program supports growers in adopting and maintaining a qualifying sustainable practice over multiple years. Annual renewal and requirements apply to remain eligible for premium opportunities.

PREMIUM

Premiums increase annually with continued field-level participation, provided all requirements are met and the practice is maintained. Payments are issued net 60 after data submission. Practices cannot be stacked; if both are implemented, the higher premium is applied.

| | Tillage (\$/Acre) | Cover Crops (\$/Acre) |
|--------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Year 1 | \$15 | \$30 |
| Year 2 | \$16 | \$31 |
| Year 3 | \$17 | \$32 |
| Year 4 | \$18 | \$33 |
| Year 5 | \$19 | \$34 |
| Year 6 | \$20 | \$35 |
| Year 7 | \$21 | \$36 |

PRACTICES

Each enrolled field must have at least one **new qualifying practice** that wasn't part of your historical baseline. The qualifying practice must be something adding through the program, ensuring real and measurable improvements across your farm.

| Practice | Definition |
|-----------------|---|
| Reduced Tillage | Reduce the total number of tillage passes on a field between harvest and planting. |
| Tillage Impact | Move a single tillage pass from a higher disturbance class of implement to a lower disturbance class of implement. |
| No-Till | Reduce the total number of tillage passes on a field between harvest and planting to zero passes. |
| Cover Crops | Introduce a cover crop into a crop in the field's rotation for the first time that has a season length (planting to natural or induced termination) of more than 30 days. |

Disclaimer | Premiums are dependent on verified adoption of eligible growing practices and compliance with all program rules and requirements. Adoption of any agronomic practice is at each farmer's risk. No specific outcomes are represented, warranted or guaranteed. All grain transactions are solely between the farmer and the applicable purchaser. Indigo Ag, Inc. does not purchase any grain. Offer not available in all areas; eligibility requirements and agreement terms, conditions, and consents apply and control. Program enrollment, eligibility verification and agreement execution required. See program enrollment agreement for details.

Water Outcomes 2026 Program - Missouri

Eligibility Requirements

Each field enrolled in this program must meet the following requirements:

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| Eligible Crops | Enrolled fields must grow a qualifying cash crop: Corn, Soybeans, Cotton, or Milo. Wheat is an ineligible cash crop and cannot be in rotation for the duration of the program (7 years). If Wheat must be grown, that field no longer qualifies and ideally is replaced with a new qualifying field. |
| Field Location | Each field must be located in the following counties: Atchison, Holy, Andrew, Buchanan, Platte, Clay, Ray, Lafayette, Saline, Pettis, Cooper & Moniteau. Counties with partial eligibility: Nodaway, Dekalb, Clinton, Carroll, Jackson, Johnson, Morgan, Howard, Boone, Callaway, Cole & Osage. |
| Additionality | Each field must have additionality, defined as a new qualifying practice in addition to their baseline practices. |
| Irrigation | Each field must not be irrigated. Nor is tile drainage allowed. |
| Grazing | Each field enrolled must not be grazed during the 2026 crop (defined as previous crop harvest through cash crop harvest). |
| Land Ownership | Ownership cannot be transferred without transferring obligations under this agreement. |
| Carbon or Ecosystem Benefit Programs | Each field enrolled must not be enrolled under another ecosystem benefits monetization program outside of the Indigo programs portfolio for the 2026 crop year. |
| Agriculture Production | Each field enrolled must have been under agricultural production for at least 10 years prior to planting the 2026 crop. |
| Contract Term | Enrollment covers one crop season at a time, starting with 2026. The program is planned to run for up to 7 seasons, with the option to renew each year if mutually agreed upon. |

DATA

Data is required for both historical (2021-2025) years and the program year (2026).

| Event | Data Required | Event | Data Required |
|------------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| Planting | Planting timing | Tillage | Tillage timing |
| | | If occurred | Tillage equipment |
| Harvest | Harvest Method Harvest timing Yield | Cover Crops | Species |
| | | If occurred | Planting timing Planting rate (lbs/ac) Termination timing Termination method |
| Fertilizer | Application timing Application method Nutrient rates (lbs/ac of N,P,K,S Primary nitrogen source Nitrification inhibitor or slow release product (Y/N) Regular liming (Y/N) | Manure | Application timing |
| | | If occurred | Application method Type/animal source and rate |
| Crop Protection | Total count of chemical application passes | Irrigation | Irrigation method |
| | | If occurred | Water volume depth |

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Sourcing Region: Missouri

Required counties for grower enrollment

Missouri-Nishnabotna or Lower
Missouri-Blackwater river basins

Full eligibility counties:

Atchison, Holt, Andrew, Buchanan, Platte, Clay,
Ray, Lafayette, Saline, Pettis, Cooper & Moniteau

Partial eligibility counties:

Nodaway, DeKalb, Clinton, Carroll, Jackson,
Johnson, Morgan, Howard, Boone, Callaway,
Cole & Osage

