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Good afternoon,

The University of Missouri launched their climate smart project last week. Landowners can apply for assistance on cover crop incentives and silvopasture through that project. Below is an email from NRCS summarizing the project. The Teams meeting invite mentioned in the email will be shared with the districts once it is scheduled.

Producers may inquire if they can sign up for cover crops through the MU project and state cost-share. Producers can't receive payment for the same practice on the same fields through both programs. This means a producer can't have a contract to seed cover crops through both programs. MU has this identified on their website and a question on the application if they are receiving payment through another program. However a producer can have a contract through the district to seed cover crops and make an application through MU for the incentives to late terminate the cover crops or graze cover crops on the same acres.

Thank you,

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Missouri Conservation Team,

More information will be forthcoming, but I wanted to make you aware that starting this week Missouri producers have new opportunities beyond USDA for financial assistance to install conservation practices. The Center for Regenerative Agriculture at the University of Missouri, through a USDA funded Partnership for Climate-Smart Commodities agreement launched their initial sign up for the Missouri Climate-Resilient Crop and Livestock (CRCL) Project on July 19. Over the next five years, this project will assist Missouri producers by providing incentive payments that encourage the adoption of a wide range of climate-smart practices to create more resilient crop and livestock systems.

When you have producers inquire about this new opportunities, direct them to the CRCL project website: [Missouri CRCL Project | Center for Regenerative Agriculture](#) for information. Participating producers will still need to work with their local FSA office to establish farm records and obtain current USDA eligibility documentation, but applications, funding and payments will be managed by the partner.

As the Missouri NRCS Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities point of contact I will be reaching out in the coming weeks with a Teams meeting invite to share additional information and answer questions. In the meantime if you have questions feel free to reach out to me.

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