

Benton County

Soil & Water Conservation District

Special Practice Information Letter

FEBRUARY 2018

Animal Waste Cost Share Assistance Available

On July 1, 2017, Benton Co. SWCD began offering Cost Share assistance for Animal Waste Storage Facilities for Swine, Poultry, Dairy and Beef (including sheep or goat) at a maximum of 75% reimbursement, for items required by the design, or \$50,000 maximum per cooperator. For Beef and Small Ruminants (including goats and sheep), cost-share assistance can be received at 65% for a whole barn, excluding feed bunk and bedding areas of the barn.

There is also an Incinerator and Composter cost share assistance at 75% reimbursement, for items required by the design.

The assistance for these facilities includes a \$2000 incentive towards the development of a required CNMP (Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan).

A Maintenance Statement regarding the use of the structure is required stating that it will only be used to store animal waste and waste handling equipment during the 10 year maintenance life of the practice.

This assistance is only available IF the Department of Natural Resources DOES NOT require a permit.

Designs for these practices will be done outside of our office. If you are interested in more information on any of the above mentioned practices, please contact our office for a planning appointment. 660-547-2351 Ext. 3

Cover Crop Cost Share Practice.....

A cost share assistance practice for installing a cover crop is available from Missouri State Soil and Water Conservation Program Cost Share Program. A per acre rate of \$30 for a 1 or 2 species cover crop mix or \$40 for a 3 or more species cover crop mix is now available. There is a lifetime maximum payment per operator of \$20,000.

The planning time to get interested landowners involved, for this fall, should begin now. This applies on land where row crops are grown and soil erosion needs to be prevented or water quality and soil health improved. If you are interested, let's get started now with planning to get that all done and you'll be ready for cover crop planting when the time is right. Landowners need to take into consideration timing for your next crop and crop insurance requirements.

On the acres that would be applied, you must have a minimum of 2 species in your crop rotation

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and the fall cover crop must be no-tilled or broadcast seeded with either ground or aerial equipment. In addition, it is allowed that tillage can be used on 25 percent of a field to smooth ruts caused by harvest equipment.

The cover crop seedings must be planned with a minimum of 25% cool-season annual grass, small grain components or warm season grass.

The cover crops will not be harvested for grain, seed or hayed. They may be grazed once the forages reach a minimum height of 6-8 inches and stopped when down to 4 inches.

Production crop following the cover crop must be no-tilled on the contracted acres.

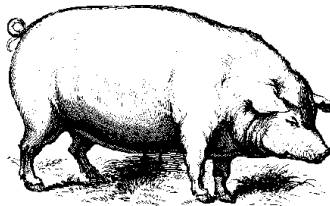
Payment is issued after the no-till planting of the production crop into the terminated cover crop or after May 25th. Tillage cannot be used to terminate the cover crop.

Soil samples using the rings and instructions provided by the SWCD will need to be taken and 75% cost share assistance is given for this test.

Please contact our office if you are interested in this practice.

WASTE STORAGE FACILITIES

- Swine
- Poultry
- Dairy
- Composters & Incinerators (\$50,000 Max)
- Sheep
- Goats
- Beef



COVER CROP COST SHARE PRACTICE



Now is the time to start planning for cover crops that will get planted after harvest. Get started now by calling the office to make an appointment.