



SOIL HEALTH INCENTIVES

INCENTIVES & RATES

No-Till- 1st Year	\$20/ac
No-Till- 2nd and 3rd Year	\$35/ac
Cover Crop- 1st Year	\$35/ac
Cover Crop- 2nd and 3rd Year	\$45/ac
Low Disturbance Manure App.	\$25/ac
Harvestable Buffer- 1st Year	\$500/ac
Harvestable Buffer- 2nd and 3rd Year	\$250/ac
Planting Green	\$45/ac
Establishing Grazing	\$2,000 stip
Equipment Conversion	\$2,000 stip
Nutrient Testing	\$100/test
Pollinator or Native Seeding	\$2,000 stip
Bare Ground Initiative	\$2,000 stip
Manure Management & Composting	\$2,000 stip

incentive rates are effective for calendar year and are subject to change

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Cover crops

- o Installed in time to provide proper cover before winter
- o Can be used as forage or grain for personal seed use, but not market
- o Can winter kill or overwinter

No-till

- o For no-till spring 2025 incentive, must have been no-tilled fall 2024
- o For no-till fall 2025 incentive, no prior tillage done before fall no-till planting

Low Disturbance Manure Injection/Appl.

- o Fields shall remain no-tilled through calendar year
- o Injections or applications must be less than 10,000 gal/ac

Harvestable Buffers

- o Must be a minimum of 15 feet wide and stay in place for minimum of 10 years

Planting Green

- o Field must be at least 50% covered with living cover crop

Establishing Grazing

- o May include costs like fencing, water systems, seed, etc. to convert suitable areas to long-term pasture

Equipment Conversion

- o Should help to update planting equipment that successfully lessens soil disturbance

Nutrient Testing

- o Include forage, manure, pre-sidedress nitrate, tissue samples and biomass

Pollinator or Native Seeding

- o Seed mix must include a minimum of 3 species of which are native, perennial, and include 2 forbs and 1 grass

** Grazing, equipment conversion, nutrient testing and manure management all require receipts to be submitted

To receive payment of any kind **field maps, a signed contract form, and survey must be submitted by November 30, 2025!**

QUALIFICATIONS

Qualifying participants can receive up to \$2,000 per grower, per year.

There is a three-year cap on all practices, per field.

The field with the soil health practice must be located within Ozaukee County to be eligible.

Reimbursements will be paid in December 2025 upon completion of the practice, and submission of all required documentation.

TO SIGN UP

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