Build Your Soil—Plant Cover Crops
Maryland’s 2018-2019 Cover Crop Sign-up
Accepting grant applications June 21 through July 17 at soil conservation district offices

2018-2019 SIGN-UP AT A GLANCE
- Farmers can receive up to $75/acre to plant traditional cover crops this fall
- The aerial seeding planting deadline is October 7
- Double crop soybeans may be planted aerially at a reduced reimbursement rate
- Farmers may harvest their cover crops, but payment for this option is no longer offered

Important Reminder...
- Proof that the farm has a current nutrient management plan is required at sign-up

Maryland Department of Agriculture
Office of Resource Conservation
Conservation Grants Program
50 Harry S. Truman Parkway
Annapolis, MD 21401

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Plant cover crops!

Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost Share Program
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SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

- Allegany 301-777-1747, ext. 3
- Anne Arundel 410-571-6757
- Baltimore County 410-527-5920, ext. 3
- Calvert 410-538-1521, ext. 3
- Caroline 410-479-1202, ext. 3
- Carroll 410-848-8200, ext. 3
- Cecil 410-398-4411, ext. 3
- Charles 301-638-3028
- Dorchester 410-228-5640, ext. 3
- Frederick 301-695-2803, ext. 3
- Garrett 301-501-5856, ext. 3
- Harford 410-638-4828
- Howard 410-313-0680
- Kent 410-778-5150, ext. 3
- Montgomery 301-590-2852
- Prince George’s 301-574-5162, ext. 3
- Queen Anne’s 410-758-3136, ext. 3
- St. Mary’s 301-475-8402, ext. 3
- Somerset 410-621-9130
- Talbot 410-822-1577, ext. 5
- Washington County 301-797-6821, ext. 3
- Wicomico 410-546-4777, ext. 3
- Worcester 410-632-5439, ext. 3

The Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost Share Program

THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY COST-SHARE PROGRAM

MACS
The 2018-2019 Cover Crop Program is administered by the Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share (MACS) Program and funded by the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund and the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund.

COVER CROP MIXES
- Two-species cover crop mixes may be planted at a rate of 50 percent cereal grains (including oats) and 50 percent radish, legumes or canola/rape.
- Three-species mixes (50/25/25) must contain a minimum of 50 percent eligible small grains.
- Seeding rates are available at soil conservation district offices.

PLANTING DATES
- Plant cereal grains by November 5, 2018. Some species have earlier deadlines. Ask your soil conservation district for a complete list of planting deadlines by species.
- Mixes containing legumes, forage radish, canola/rape, or oats must be planted by October 1, 2018.
- The aerial seeding deadline is October 7, 2018.

GUIDELINES AND CONDITIONS
- Plant cover crops after corn, soybeans, sorghum, tobacco, or vegetables.
- There is a five acre minimum, but no acreage caps.
- All seed purchased must be tested and labeled following Maryland Seed Law and Regulations.
- Purchased seed must be free of prohibited noxious weed seeds, have a minimum germination rate of 80 percent, and have no more than 16 restricted noxious weeds per pound.
- Homegrown seed with a germination rate between 65 percent and 79 percent may be used, however, a higher seeding rate is required and fields may be subject to a spot check.
- Cost-share is available for seed testing. The current year's seed tag for all purchased seed must be attached to the fall certification.
- Direct deposit of cost-share grants is available for faster turnaround.
- Applicants must be in good standing with MACS and in compliance with the Maryland Nutrient Management Program.
- Additional restrictions may apply.

TRADITIONAL COVER CROPS
- Wheat/spelt, rye barley, triticale, oats, ryegrass and canola/rape
- Forage Radish
- Clover, Austrian winter peas and hairy vetch (must be planted with a cereal grain as part of a mix)

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*Cover crop mixes not eligible for rye incentive.
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