



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

3125 Portia Street | P.O. Box 83581 • Lincoln, Nebraska 68501-3581 | P: 402.476.2729 • F: 402.476.6454 | www.lpsnrd.org

Contact: David Potter
dpotter@lpsnrd.org

Lower Platte South NRD Cover Crop Cost-Sharing has October 1st Deadline

Lincoln (NE) September 10, 2020 – Crop producers in the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District are being offered help with establishing cover crops to control erosion, and make the soil more productive. Cover crops can provide the added benefit of capturing, recycling, and redistributing nutrients, such as nitrogen, in their fields having a positive impact on ground and surface water resources.

Producers interested in utilizing the program this fall should submit their application before the October 1st deadline. Approval of the application by the District is required before the cover crop is planted. The Cover Crop Program is available for land located in targeted watersheds, in a community water system protection area (wellhead protection area), a Groundwater Management Phase II or III Area located within the LPSNRD or fields where terrace systems are currently being installed in the NRD's Summer Conservation Program. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offices in Lancaster, Cass, Otoe, Seward, Butler and Saunders counties can help determine land eligibility and help with completing the application process.

Producers (tenants or owners) can receive up to \$2,000 annually under the program and payment amounts vary, depending on the cover crop mix chosen. Anyone with questions can contact their local NRCS office or LPSNRD at 402-476-2729. There is also information at LPSNRD.org/programs. Click on Landowner Cost-Share, then Land Treatment.