

Pandemic Cover Crop Program

Overview

Agricultural producers who have coverage under most crop insurance policies are eligible for a premium benefit from USDA if they planted cover crops during this crop year. The Pandemic Cover Crop Program (PCCP), offered by USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA), reduces producers' overall premium bills and helps them maintain their cover crop systems.

Cultivating cover crops requires a sustained, long-term investment, and the economic challenges of the pandemic made it financially challenging for many producers

to maintain cover crop systems. PCCP helps ensure producers can continue this important conservation practice.

PCCP is part of USDA's [Pandemic Assistance for Producers](#) initiative, a bundle of programs to bring financial assistance to farmers, ranchers and producers who felt the impact of COVID-19 market disruptions.



Benefit Availability

PCCP provides premium support to producers who insured their crop with most insurance policies and planted a qualifying cover crop during the 2022 crop year. The premium support is \$5 per acre, but no more than the full premium owed. Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa have existing programs for producers to receive a premium benefit for planting cover crops. In these states, participating producers will receive an additional benefit.

Qualifying cover crops include all that are reportable to FSA, including cereals and other grasses, legumes, brassicas and other non-legume broadleaves, and mixtures of two or more cover crop species planted at the same time. A full list is available in [FSA Handbook 2-CP](#).

PCCP does not change acreage reporting dates, reporting requirements, or any other terms of the crop insurance policy.




More Information

Visit farmers.gov/pandemic-assistance/cover-crops for more information, including frequently asked questions or to download the Report of Acreage form. Find contact information for your local USDA Service Center at farmers.gov/service-locator.

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