

KANSAS CLIMATE SMART INITIATIVE (KCSI) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Answered July 27, 2023

- Can I enroll land that I break out of native grass or brome in 2023 if I plant it to a cover crop?

NO. Land offered for 2023 enrollment must have wheat, corn or soybeans in rotation at the time of enrollment.

- If I am a NEW tenant taking over a piece of property that has cover crops planted on it this year and previous years, am I eligible for the \$25 payment if all other program requirements are met?

NO. It is a land-based program. Aerial photography from the previous 8 years will be reviewed to determine what years cover crops were planted. That will be the payment level the applicant is eligible for. The operator/owner has no impact on the determination.

- If I have wheat in my rotation and I am 100% no-till and want to plant cover crops, which sign up option should I choose?

You should choose the wheat program option. You can still plant a cover crop on offered acres and you would qualify for the \$2/acre payment on acres planted to wheat in fall of 2022 and harvested in 2023. You MAY also qualify for the \$5/acre Nitrogen Balance Payment (This will be determined by information provided during the FBN interview process.)

Steps to enroll:

1. **Talk to farmer about program**
 - a. Same process as last year!
 - b. If farmer is interested, send them a link via text/email or have them scan a QR code



Cover Crop Program



Wheat Program

Answered June 22, 2023

- Can I sign up for the 'Living Root' \$3/Acre payment on wheat acres that were planted in the fall of 2022 and failed due to the drought if I plant a crop now for fall harvest (milo, soybeans, sorghum for feed)?

YES. If a producer zeros out the wheat and plants a crop for harvest in the fall, they would be eligible for this payment. These acres need to be identified when completing the interview with FBN and reported to the Conservation District Manager who will report it to KACD & ADM.

Answered June 14, 2023

- Why do I have to provide my FSA Subsidiary Report to get the \$15 or \$25 cover crop payment and not the \$10 payment?

Funding for the \$15 and \$25 payments are a part of a grant from the federal government. The FSA documents are used as evidence that the acreage being enrolled is not currently in another federal program like EQIP/CSP/RCP/WRAPS. Enrollment in both programs would be considered 'double dipping'.

The funding for the \$10 payment is all ADM money. This is also why you can 'stack' this payment on acreage enrolled in a federal program like EQIP/CSP/RCP/WRAPS.

- What if I am participating with another private company on another farm or other acres on that farm but not on the acres I have in my application with ADM?

Any acreage not associated with another private program is eligible to be enrolled with ADM.

- How will ADM check when the cover crop was planted if I apply for the 'New in 2023' cover crop payment?

Aerial photography for the last 8 years will be reviewed on acreage that is signed up for 'New in 2023' or 'New in 2018 to 2022' cover crop payment.

- Is cover crop acreage that is planted to establish permanent vegetative eligible for this program?

NO. This program is designed to offer financial assistance for cover crops that are planted in a cropping system.

- I want to graze my cover crop. How much do I have to leave in the field at the end of grazing?

75% ground cover needs to remain. That can be a combination of the cover crop and previous years crop residues.

- Is there any provision where I can apply for emergency haying of my cover crop due to the extreme drought?

NO. This program is building soil health and mechanical cover crop removal is not allowed. Acreage enrolled in the program CAN be grazed.

- What if I have an operation in Kansas and operate land out of state (NE)? Is the land located outside of Kansas eligible for the KCSI?

YES. If a Kansas producer operates land in another state, those out-of-state acres are eligible to be enrolled in the program.