

WINONA CO. SWCD

2011 COVER CROP GUIDELINES

- Only lands within the Rush-Pine Creek Watershed of Winona County are eligible.
- 40 acre maximum.
- 2 year eligibility (if funding is available) at \$20.00/acre each year.
- An application will be needed for each year.
- If applicant is under a contract and receiving payment for a cover crop from another agency, they are not eligible for this program.
- Harvesting or grazing in the spring is allowed.
- Recommended seed mixes are oats or barley before September 1st and winter rye after September 1st with a minimum rate of 50 lbs./acre for erosion control, other seed mixes require SWCD approval at time of application.
- Applicant may use cover crop as a nurse crop for alfalfa after canning crops.
- Cover crop needs to be seeded no later than October 15th.
- Applicant must submit map(s) showing all fields to be enrolled in cover crop program.
- Landowner must sign the application.
- When seeding is completed and approved the check will be in the landowner's name.