

Winona County SWCD

Providing conservation assistance in Winona County since 1938.



Mission

Promote soil and water conservation through technical, educational and financial assistance.

Vision

Comprehensive use of our natural resources for all generations.

400 N Wilson St
Lewiston MN 55952
507-523-2171 - Ext 3
Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30
winonaswcd.org

2026 COVER CROPS

Applications Accepted - July 1 to August 15

Contact - Amanda 507-523-2171 Ext 2041 - amanda.gentry@winonaswcd.com

Rates - Per Acre - Up to 300 Acres

\$50 Single Species
\$60 Multi Species

Priorities

1st Time Participants
In Order of Applications Received

Conservation Contract

Eligibility

- Cropland in Winona County
- Compliant with all State and Federal Laws - Buffer Law, Feedlot, WCA, etc.

Application / FSA Documents - Return to SWCD by August 15

- SWCD Application
- FSA Field Maps - **Cover Crop Fields Planned Must be Marked on Maps**
- FSA 578 Report of Commodities

Contract - SWCD Approved by August 31

- Required Prior to Planting
- Fields Cannot be Changed After Contracting
- Producer Eligible for up to two (2), one (1) year Contracts since 2017

Certification Requirements

- Follow Professionally Accepted Seeding Dates and Rates
- Seed Tags with Germination and Purity Percentages / "Bin Run" cannot be used
- Seed Invoices with Quantity / Lbs Purchased
- FSA 578 Report of Commodities - Updated with Cover Crops
- Field Site Verification by SWCD
- SWCD Certification and Payment Voucher

Payment - Approved by SWCD Board

Application Attached - Return by August 15

Coming Late Fall 2026

Groundwater Protection Program (GWPP) Cover Crop Cost-Share
Outcome Based - Cover Crop Height Minimum 12 Inches
Base Payment Rate Per Acre \$55 with Additional Payment Options - Up to 150 Acres

2026 COVER CROPS Application

Applications Accepted - July 1 to August 15

FSA Documents - Required with Application

- ✓ FSA Field Maps - Cover Crop Fields Planned Must be Marked on Maps
- ✓ FSA 578 Report of Commodities

Producer Information

Producer _____ Owner Renter
Farm Name _____ Total Acres Cropped _____

Contract Information

Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____ Alt Phone _____
Email _____

Have you previously had a cover crop contract with Winona County SWCD?

Yes No

Have you utilized cover crops before?

Yes No

If yes, when, what and how did you plant the cover crops? _____

Select crops grown in your rotation.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alfalfa | <input type="checkbox"/> Corn - Silage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alfalfa / Grass Mix | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Grains |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canning Crops _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Soybeans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corn - Grain | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Cover Crop Plans on Back →

Cover Crop Plans Following 2026 Crop

Cover Crop Acres Planned _____ **Cover Crop Fields Must be Marked on Maps**

Cover Crop Plan 1

Current Crop _____ Acres _____ Harvest Month _____

Cover Crop Specie(s) Planned _____

Anticipated Planting Month _____ Drill Broadcast

Planned Seeding Rate(s) in Lbs/Acre _____

Do you plan to harvest the cover crop for forage? Yes No

Do you plan to graze the cover crop? Yes No

Do you plan to plant green into the cover crop? Yes No

Cover Crop Plan 2

Current Crop _____ Acres _____ Harvest Month _____

Cover Crop Specie(s) Planned _____

Anticipated Planting Month _____ Drill Broadcast

Planned Seeding Rate(s) in Lbs/Acre _____

Do you plan to harvest the cover crop for forage? Yes No

Do you plan to graze the cover crop? Yes No

Do you plan to plant green into the cover crop? Yes No

Additional Cover Crop Plans?

Yes No _____

Applications Accepted - July 1 to August 15

Drop off application at
Winona County SWCD Office
400 Wilson Street N - Lewiston

or email application to
amanda.gentry@winonaswcd.com

SWCD Office Use

Date Received _____ State & Federal Law Compliance Yes No