



Count on us for grants to plant...

COVER CROPS

MARYLAND'S 2020-2021 COVER CROP SIGN-UP



All New Mail-In Registration!

July 1 through July 17, 2020

Maryland farmers can count on the Maryland Department of Agriculture for grants to plant cover crops this fall to build healthy soils and protect the Chesapeake Bay. New this year, our annual sign-up will be conducted entirely by mail. Farmers who participated in last year's program should check their mailboxes for an application packet. Beginning July 1, applications will be available on the website. Want to add cover crops to your planting rotation this fall? Count on us to help you make it happen.

2020 Cover Crop Highlights

- The base payment is **\$40/acre** for incorporated seed and **\$45/acre** for aerially-seeded cover crops
- Plant by October 10 to qualify for a **\$10/acre** early planting incentive payment
- Aerial seed cover crops into standing corn by September 10 to receive a **\$10/acre** incentive payment
- Incentives to terminate cover crops after May 1 may be available
- Plant cover crops after corn, soybeans, sorghum, tobacco, vegetables and—*new this year*—hemp and millet



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