



Richland Soil and Water Conservation District

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MWCD Cover Crop Grant Program

Mansfield, OH – Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) is partnering with the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District on a grant program for producers who plant cover crops. Last year, the grant program assisted in getting cover crops on over 327 acres of Richland County farmland and resulted in 134 tons of soil from eroding into our streams, kept 211 pounds of phosphorous on the land and 420 pounds of nitrogen out of waterways.

The 2021 cost-share rate is \$12.00 per acre for returning applicants and \$15.00 per acre for new applicants. Interested applicants may apply through Richland SWCD. Producers in the Rocky Fork, Black Fork, and Clear Fork watersheds and pay an assessment are eligible.

Applications will go through a scoring process to see which fields are the most eligible. The goal is to get winter cover on fields with low residue, such as corn silage and soybeans. Therefore, low residue fields will score higher.

Some benefits of planting cover crops include reducing soil erosion and runoff, increasing rainfall and snow melt infiltration into the soil and increasing soil quality.

Additional information may be found at <https://richlandswcd.net/services/agriculture/richland-swcd> or by contacting Matt at 419-747-8687 or at AgTech@Richlandswcd.net.

The Richland Soil and Water Conservation District develops, implements and assists landowners, government agencies and our partners with a wide range of natural resource conservation programs.

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