

(This IS NOT a contract or guarantee of approval)

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## **SIGN AND DATE APPLICATION**

**2025 Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District Cover Crop Program is offering \$12.00/acre with a cap of 175 approved acres per applicant across eligible counties in the jurisdictional boundary of the MWCD District unless fields are located within one of the specified MWCD Lake watersheds.**

Sign up:

- Submit this application to Richland SWCD prior to sign up **deadline of June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**
  - Producers will supply the soil tests for review with the SWCD. **Tests must be fall 2021 or newer and represent no more than 25 acres. Please write FSA tract and field numbers on soil tests if your numbering system is different.**
  - **Reminder** – copies of soil tests must be provided. **We do not retain copies from year to year.**
  - Applications will follow a ranking process.
  - Cap of 175 acres unless fields are above the approved list of MWCD Lakes.
  - Seeding will take place by the NRCS specification dates for selected cover crop (to be provided if you're approved).
  - Provide any necessary requested information to Richland SWCD as needed.
  - **Separate Agreement must be signed once application is approved and prior to release of payment. We will send those to approved applicants.**
  - Producers enrolled in the program with two (2) consecutive years of zero (0) approved fields being planted and turned in to the SWCD, will be capped at 50 acres approved for 2025.
- **Non-certified seed must be tested for germination and FM content by ODA to be used in this program.**
  - **Plantings that do not follow NRCS standards such as seeding rates, dates and approved methods will not be eligible for this program.**
  - **Plantings that are total failures due to herbicide carryover will not receive the approved cost share for that field(s)**
  - **Participant will notify the SWCD when seedings are completed.**
  - **Land owned by MWCD and leased from MWCD is not eligible for the program.**
  - **Land enrolled in USDA EQIP and CSP programs for COVER CROPS ONLY is not eligible for this program.**
  - **H2Ohio fields, NRCS Nutrient Management, and private credit trading fields ARE eligible.**

Disclaimers:

- Due to conditions beyond the SWCD control, the District in no way guarantees, either expressed or implied, the successful establishment of a crop through this program.
- The participants shall hold Richland SWCD, MWCD and its assigned harmless from all damages for injuries or death to persons or property as a result of this program.
- Richland SWCD and its assigned reserve the right to modify this program.
- Participant(s) give Richland SWCD and its assigned permission to enter and exit property as needed to verify completion of this program prior to payment. (site checks, gathering data, etc.)
- Richland SWCD programs and services are conducted without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, handicap or other prohibited criteria.

Applicant(s) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reminder.... PLEASE use CURRENT FSA Tract and Field numbers???**