



Whole Farm Approach Nutrient Management and Cover Crop

What is “Whole Farm Approach” and why should I sign up?

This practice combines nutrient management practices and cover crop practices to capture a more holistic view of farming operations. This practice incentivizes participants to fully implement their nutrient management plan by providing core payments for acres included in the plan.

If you are interested in WFA contact the District to schedule a time to meet with District Staff to complete an application, review your NMP, and sign up eligible acres.

Sign ups for Whole Farm Approach must be completed by September 16, 2024.

To sign up you will need FSA maps for all fields that you operate. This includes fields that may have the following practices implemented on them: Cover Crop, PSNT, Manure Injection, Precision Nutrient Management, Banded Nitrogen and/or Phosphorus. This should also include maps for hayland or pastureland that receives commercial fertilizer or manure.

WFA is signed up on a Tract by Tract basis. All agricultural production acres you operate on the Tract must be included in your nutrient management plan with the exception of unimproved pastureland (acres not receiving nutrient applications).

Whole Farm Approach - Nutrient Management (WFA-NM)

WFA-NM requires a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) that includes the appropriate cropping season on ALL cropland, highly managed hayland, and pastureland that receives commercial fertilizer or manure.

Below are WFA-NM Practice Components:

Practice Components	WFA Rate	Regular Cost Share Rate
WFA NM Core	\$6.00/acre	N/A
In-Furrow/Banded N	\$2.50/acre	N/A
In-Furrow/Banded P	\$2.50/acre	N/A
1st Sidedress N on Corn	\$2.50/acre	\$6.00/acre
2nd Sidedress N on Corn	\$5.00/acre	N/A
2nd Topdress on Small Grain	\$2.50/acre	N/A
3rd Topdress on Small Grain	\$5.00/acre	N/A
Variable Rate N	\$7.50/acre	\$8.00/acre
Variable Rate P	\$7.50/acre	\$8.00/acre
Manure Injection Fall	\$45.00/acre	\$45.00/acre
Manure Injection Spring	\$45.00/acre	\$45.00/acre
PSNT Laboratory Analysis (1 sample per field)	\$12.00/sample	\$12.00/sample

**For questions regarding the Whole Farm Approach practice contact
The Shenandoah Valley Soil & Water Conservation District at (540) 534-3105**

Whole Farm Approach - Cover Crop (WFA-CC)

WFA-CC is **ONLY eligible** if Whole Farm Approach- Nutrient Management (WFA-NM) is being implemented. WFA-CC provides producers with a core payment that allows the stacking of practice components. WFA-CC also offers additional cover crop practice components.

Below are the WFA-CC Practice Components:

Practice Components	WFA Rate	Regular Cost Share Rate	Planting Date
WFA CC Core	\$4.00/acre	N/A	N/A
Non-Harvestable Cover Crop Early Plant - Rye Bonus	\$90.00/acre	\$90.00/acre	10/20
Non-Harvestable Cover Crop Standard Plant - Rye Bonus	\$60.00/acre	\$60.00/acre	11/10
Non-Harvestable Cover Crop Early Plant - Triticale Bonus	\$80.00/acre	\$80.00/acre	10/20
Non-Harvestable Cover Crop Standard Plant - Triticale Bonus	\$50.00/acre	\$50.00/acre	11/10
Non-Harvestable Cover Crop Early Plant	\$70.00/acre	\$70.00/acre	10/20
Non-Harvestable Cover Crop Standard Plant	\$40.00/acre	\$40.00/acre	11/10
Non-Harvestable Cover Crop Mixed Species Incentive	\$5.00/acre	N/A	N/A
Non-Harvestable Cover Crop Late Kill Down	\$10.00/acre	\$10.00/acre	After 5/1 of the next year
Non-Harvestable Cover Crop with Fall Manure Early Plant - Rye Bonus	\$55.00/acre	\$55.00/acre	10/20
Non-Harvestable Cover Crop with Fall Manure Standard Plant - Rye Bonus	\$30.00/acre	\$30.00/acre	11/10
Non-Harvestable Cover Crop with Fall Manure Early Plant - Triticale Bonus	\$50.00/acre	\$50.00/acre	10/20
Non-Harvestable Cover Crop with Fall Manure Standard Plant - Triticale Bonus	\$25.00/acre	\$25.00/acre	11/10
Non-Harvestable Cover Crop with Fall Manure Early Plant	\$45.00/acre	\$45.00/acre	10/20
Non-Harvestable Cover Crop with Fall Manure Standard Plant	\$20.00/acre	\$20.00/acre	11/10
Non-Harvestable Cover Crop with Fall Manure Mixed Species Incentive	\$5.00/acre	N/A	N/A
Non-Harvestable Cover Crop with Fall Manure Late Kill Down	\$10.00/acre	\$10.00/acre	After 5/1 of the next year
Protective Cover for Specialty Crops	\$40.00/acre	\$40.00/acre	11/30
Legume Based Cover Crop	\$45.00/acre	\$45.00/acre	Clover – 9/28 Pea or Vetch – 10/26
Harvestable Cover Crop	\$20.00/acre if harvested for feed, seed/grain and straw \$30.00/ acre if harvested for seed/grain ONLY	\$20.00/acre if harvested for feed, seed/grain and straw \$30.00/ acre if harvested for seed/grain ONLY	10/20