



Air Seeder Cost-Share Program FY 2020 Fact Sheet

This is a program to get earlier established and additional acres of cover crops planted in Sussex County. Cover crops will be planted utilizing the air seeder into standing cash crops. Landowners must be willing to plant cover crops into a standing cash crop prior to harvest to participate in the program.

Program Guidelines

1. There will be an \$11.00 per acre charge to Sussex County farmers using the air seeder within county boundaries.
2. Plant cover crops at recommended rates.
3. Additional manure/fertilizers cannot be applied.
4. Multispecies blends are required to use the air seeder.
5. Crop selection should be based on crop needs that will follow.
6. Participants will self-certify in writing that the planting program provisions have been met.
7. Program participants must certify in writing by June 1, 2020 that the cover crops are destroyed by an approved destruction method between March 15, 2020 – June 1, 2020. A one-time deadline extension may be granted for the purpose of soil health. Cover crops cannot be harvested.
8. A single payment will be made in the spring after all program provisions have been met.
9. Three standard blends may be purchased from SCD.

| Cover Crop Blend | Seeding Rates | Cost Per Pound |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Radish and Crimson Clover | 16 lbs./acre | \$ 1.60 per lb. |
| Rye and Radish | 55 lbs./acre | \$.86 per lb. |
| Rye and Crimson Clover | 65 lbs./acre | \$.80 per lb. |

Packaging: 50# bags or 2000# mini bulks

For custom mixes call the office at (302) 856-3990 ext. 3 for seeding rates.

10. If the participant is purchasing the seed from another supplier, then the participant is also responsible for loading the seed by an approved method. Seed must be clean. A \$50 calibration fee will be charged per seed mix for custom blends.
11. Participant will supply an aerial photograph of the field(s) showing any areas to be avoided (Ex. waterways, obstructions, hazards, irrigation).
12. Farms located outside of Sussex County may utilize the air seeder within 10 miles of the Sussex County border for a \$12.00 per acre application fee. Farms outside of the county are not eligible for SCD cost-share.
13. Producers utilizing the air seeder and participating in the program are still eligible for regular cost-share assistance for other land enrolled in the cover crop program.
14. Returning air seeder customers will be eligible for the \$50/acre cost share rate. New air seeder customers will be eligible for the \$60/acre cost share rate.
15. Participants are limited to \$75,000 in cover crop assistance (pending funding availability). In the event enrollment in the program exceeds available funding, the Sussex Conservation District reserves the right to reduce the maximum payment amount per participant.