



Conservation Crop Rotation - Small Grains Fact Sheet

What is H2Ohio?

H2Ohio is Governor Mike DeWine’s comprehensive, data-driven water quality plan to reduce harmful algal blooms, improve wastewater infrastructure, and prevent lead contamination.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture is leading efforts to reduce phosphorus runoff. Producers can receive incentives for implementing proven, cost-effective best management practices on their land.

Important Dates to Remember

Fall	Establish Small Grain (winter annuals I.E. wheat, rye, barley)
Summer-After Establishment	MUST be harvested as a grain, cannot be harvested as a forage
Summer- Early Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the harvest of small grain, manure incorporation may take place as long as nutrient application follows nutrient management plan. • Double crop soybeans or a cover crop MUST be planted no later than October 15. • No manure application shall take place after the seeding of a cover crop, nor prior to March 15. • Fertilizer may be placed a minimum of two inches below the soil surface with a placement tool or by strip tillage providing cover crop residue maintained outside placement area. • No broadcast fertilizer applications may take place. • Bean stubble or cover crop must remain undisturbed until March 15.

Cost Share Incentive

Producers may receive up to \$35 per acre, per year after completion of all practice requirements are met. Payments will be made in the Spring following the fall double crop or cover crop seeding.

Practice Compatibility

- Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan Development & Implementation
- Variable Rate Phosphorus Application
- Subsurface Phosphorus Application
- Manure Incorporation
- Overwintering Cover Crops
- Drainage Water Management



Frequently Asked Questions

When I plant wheat as an overwintering cover crop and plan to harvest as a small grain, can I collect a payment for both practices?

No, you may collect a payment for either overwintering cover crops OR conservation crop rotation- small grains.

Do I have to spread manure after the harvest of the small grain?

No, you do not have to spread manure, however you MUST plant either double crop beans or a cover crop and the residue must remain undisturbed until March 15.

If I enroll in subsurface placement can I broadcast wheat starter?

Wheat starter at removal rate is exempt from the placement requirement, however, no placement payment will be made for that crop year on those acres where broadcast application takes place.

How Do I Apply?

Contact your area Soil and Water Conservation District:
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