

**FY 2020
PREVENTED PLANTING / COVER CROP
INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

The FY 2020 Prevented Planting / Cover Crop Incentive Program (PPCC program) is one of two cover crop related programs being administered by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Participation in the first program (PPCC program) is limited to producers that choose the prevented planting option in their USDA RMA crop insurance program in 2019 and use cover crops on their prevented planting acres for weed control as described below.

The second cover crop related program will be rolled out later this year and will be open to any participant in the USDA RMA crop insurance program that agrees to use a cover crop on their insured acres during the fall and winter of 2019/2020. This second program will utilize a crop insurance premium rebate. More information on this program will be available at a later date.

Overview of the Prevented Planting / Cover Crop Incentive (PPCC) Program

The PPCC program provides a \$5 per acre incentive payment to producers for the planting of a cover crop on acres that have been enrolled into the prevented planting option of the USDA RMA crop insurance program for the 2019 growing season. The use of cover crops as weed control on these enrolled acres will also conserve soil and protect water quality, reduce soil erosion, and reduce nutrient transport to water bodies. Participation in this program will be on a first come, first served basis and will be based on the date an application is received by the Department at our e-mail address (AGR.CoverCrops@illinois.gov). This program has an overall 75,000-acre statewide participation limit and an application deadline of August 15, 2019.

How to Apply for the PPCC Program

An applicant interested in participation in the PPCC program will be required to complete and submit to the Department each of the forms listed below. Please be advised that some of the information required on the forms must be obtained through your local county Soil and Water Conservation District Office and/or your local USDA-Farm Service Agency office.

- Required forms and documents for program participation –
 - FY20 Prevented Planting / Cover Crop Incentive Application and payment form (PP/CC 1);
 - Agreement and Terms Contract (PP/CC-1A); and
 - Copies of USDA-Farm Service Agency form 578.

Once these forms / documents have been completed, applicants are instructed to contact their local county Soil and Water Conservation District and schedule an appointment to review and finalize the application process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your local county Soil and Water Conservation District office or the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Land and Water Resources at (217)782-6297.