



Cost Share Opportunities

Cover crop- \$30 per acre. (Cover crops can be chopped or grazed.)

No Till- \$15 per acre

**Terrace, Grass Waterways, and Water and Sediment Control Basins–
Up to 75% cost share.**

If you have any questions or would like us to look at a proposed project give us a call or stop by the NRCS Office.

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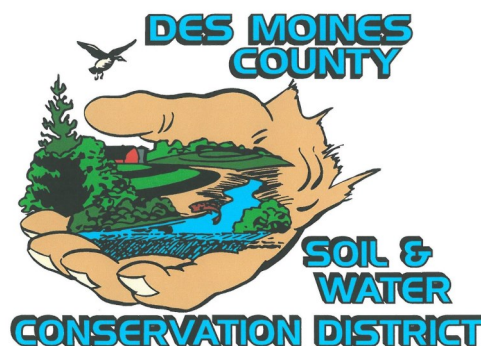
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News:

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- In October Big Hollow Watershed Coordinator Tom Brockett attended the Soil Health and Livestock training at Iowa State University in Ames. speakers included Dr. Lee Burras from Iowa State University (Pictured), Professors from University of Wisconsin and University of Minnesota. The two day training was about putting livestock back on the land and the soil health benefits of integrating livestock onto the farm. Interactive planning for cover crops, extended rotations, and forage crops were also discussed. James Holz, Iowa farmer, cattleman, and co-owner of Iowa Cover Crop discussed how he's integrated feeder and stocker cattle on cropland in unique and profitable ways. Tyler Bruck, the Land Stewardship Director for Whiterock Conservancy, discussed how this 5,500 acre non-profit land trust has integrated 20+ years of cover crops, plus small grains and grazing cattle and sheep. If You would like to talk about grazing cover crops or just getting cattle back on your land Tom would be happy to speak to you. We can also have our NRCS Grazing Specialist Jacob Thompson design a plan for you.





Cost Share Available for Windbreaks

The Des Moines County Soil and Water Conservation District has cost share available for windbreaks through the Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP).

Windbreaks consist of multiple rows of trees and shrubs established to protect structures from troublesome winds. Windbreaks also can increase aesthetic value, lessen noise, and provide wildlife habitat.

REAP is a cost share program for forestry practices on privately owned land used for agricultural production. Besides windbreaks, REAP can be used for timber stand improvement and tree planting. Applications are accepted year round. If you are interested in signing up for REAP or have questions, contact the Des Moines County SWCD at 319-753-6221.



Water and Sediment Control Basins (WASCOBs) function similarly to terraces but are typically shorter and straighter, placed at the low end of slopes to manage water runoff and prevent gully erosion. While terraces reduce slope length, WASCOBs are designed to capture and store runoff, allowing sediment to settle before water is slowly released through tile drainage or infiltration. The Orange dashes are suggested locations based off a computer program. If you have a Orange dash on your property and would like us to look at your property please call the NRCS office.

