

Cost-effective solutions for soil and water stewardship

About the Soil and Water Outcomes Fund

The Soil and Water Outcomes Fund provides financial incentives directly to farmers who implement new conservation practices that yield environmental outcomes like carbon sequestration and water quality improvement.



Cover crops in a field enrolled in the Soil and Water Outcomes Fund.




What Qualifies?

You tell us what practices you would like to implement, and we'll estimate the environmental outcomes. Once the outcomes are verified, you will receive payment from the Soil and Water Outcomes Fund.

The Soil and Water Outcomes Fund is different from most programs because payment is based on the environmental outcomes you produce, not the practices you implement. The more environmental outcomes you generate from the practices you implement, the more you'll be paid.

What Practices Do I Need to Adopt?

While we are not prescriptive about the conservation practices you can implement, participating farmers typically implement practices including:

-  No-till / reduce tillage
-  Cover crops
-  Extended crop rotations

These practices enhance financial resiliency in your operation through diversified revenue streams and promote ecological resilience through improvements in soil health.

Who Pays for Outcomes?

Environmental outcomes are sold by the Soil and Water Outcomes Fund to beneficiaries including corporations seeking to offset greenhouse gas emissions in their supply chain, and public entities such as municipal water utilities or state / federal departments of agriculture seeking to improve and safeguard water quality.



Contiguous fields in Illinois, one with cover crops (left), the other without cover crops (right).



Outcomes Fund?

The Soil and Water Outcomes Fund is a partnership of AgOutcomes (a subsidiary of the Iowa Soybean Association) and ReHarvest Partners (a subsidiary of Quantified Ventures).

How Do I Stay Informed and Enroll?

Visit theoutcomesfund.com for more information and to enroll.

Email contactus@theoutcomesfund.com.

Farmer Pre-Enrollment Checklist

If you answer **yes** in response to these 2 questions, your operation may be a good fit for the Soil and Water Outcomes Fund.

Yes / No	Question
	Are you in an eligible county / geographic area? See maps on theoutcomesfund.com .
	Are you willing to add conservation practices (e.g., cover crops, reduced tillage, extended rotations) to your existing cropping system?

How the Enrollment and Payment Process Works



STEP 1. Go to theoutcomesfund.com to create an account, map your field boundaries, and enter baseline and future cropping system information.



STEP 2. Submit your application to the Soil and Water Outcomes Fund for review, environmental modeling, and payment estimation..



STEP 3. Review the proposed payment estimate and contract delivered to you via email to determine if you wish to participate.



STEP 4. Sign the contract (digitally) to confirm your participation in the Soil and Water Outcomes Fund. Soon after signing the contract you will be provided your initial payment.



STEP 5. Implement the terms of the contract including the conservation practices you agreed to adopt. The Soil and Water Outcomes Fund will measure and verify the environmental outcomes, after which you will receive the second yearly payment installment.



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