



State of Wisconsin
Governor Tony Evers

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Secretary Randy Romanski

DATE: June 3, 2024

TO: Board of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection

FROM: Randy Romanski, Secretary

SUBJECT: ATCP 52, Crop Insurance Premium Rebates for Planting Cover Crops

PRESENTED BY: Kelly Martinson, Program and Policy Analyst, Division of Agricultural Resource Management

REQUESTED ACTION:

At the June 3, 2024, Board meeting, the Department will request approval of the attached scope statement, regarding ch. ATCP 52 (providing crop insurance premium rebates for planting cover crops).

SUMMARY:

The department proposes to amend ATCP 52 to provide crop insurance premium rebates for planting cover crops. As per Wisconsin statute s. 92.14 (17) (b), Stats., DATCP may promulgate rules to implement s. 92.14 (17) stats. s. 92.14 (17) Stats authorizes DATCP to provide a crop insurance premium rebate of \$5 for each acre that is planted with a cover crop. DATCP will consider how: to establish the application and award process, to determine eligible cover crops, and to establish procedures to verify that a cover crop is planted on an acre for which a rebate is provided. DATCP will also consider how to determine the maximum amount of acres for which an applicant may receive funding in a year, except that DATCP may impose such a maximum only in years in which the total amount of funding requested by eligible applicants exceeds the total funding available. An administrative rule is needed in order to administer this program and provide premium rebates from the appropriation in 20.115(7) (qf), Stats. for this program in Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

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