



Application Period for Crop Insurance Premium Rebates for Planting Cover Crops to Open December 1

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MADISON, Wis. – In partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA), the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will open the application period for crop insurance premium rebates at 12 p.m. on December 1, 2023.

There is \$800,000, or 160,000 acres of coverage, to be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Recipients will receive a \$5 per acre rebate on their summer 2024 crop insurance premium for acres that were planted with cover crops in 2023, then planted with an insurable crop the following year.

Producers who received state or federal cost-sharing to plant cover crops in 2023 are not eligible for this year’s program. Applicants will need to use their FSA-578 form to complete the application, and there is no limit on acres an applicant can apply for. Applicants should keep seed receipts and planting records, as DATCP may conduct audits to ensure cover crops were planted.

The rebate application will be web-based and will be available on [DATCP’s website](#) until January 31, 2024, or until program funding is exhausted. A copy of the application questions and instructions will be available for reference on DATCP’s website prior to the application period opening.

Additional information about eligibility and FAQs can be found on [DATCP’s website](#). Questions about these rebates should be directed to DATCPCC@wisconsin.gov.

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