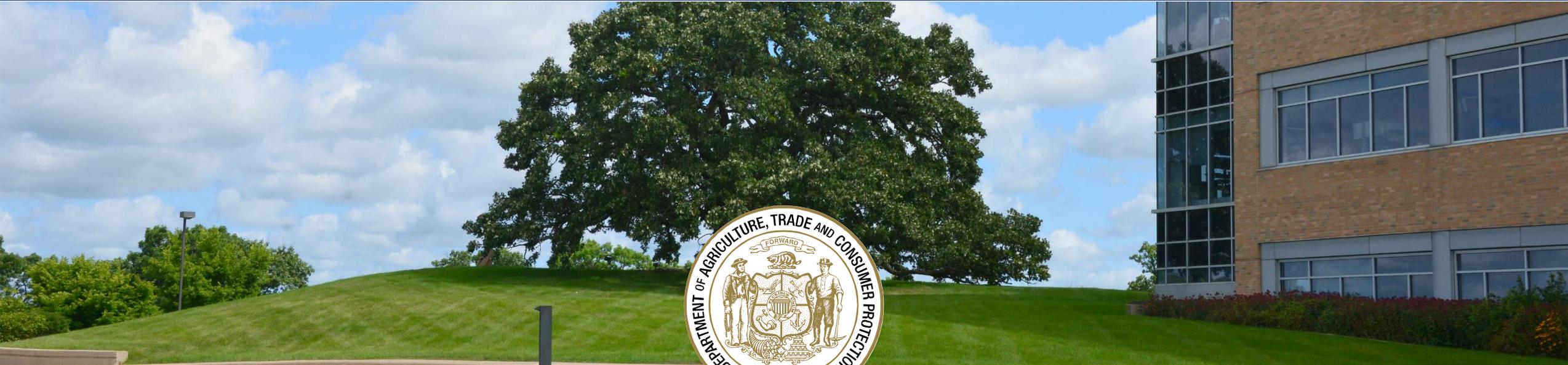


# DATCP Conservation Programs



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# SOIL AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (SWRM)

- DATCP's signature conservation grant program
  - County conservation staffing
  - Landowner cost-sharing for conservation practices
  - Cooperator projects for training and infrastructure
  - Nutrient Management Farmer Education training
- Distributed through the annual joint allocation plan process



# SOIL AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (SWRM) – COST-SHARE GRANTS

- DATCP grant → counties → landowners
- SWRM usually pays 70% of the practice cost; can pay up to 90%
- Funding for both engineered conservation practices and annual cropping practices
- Practices are to prevent runoff pollution or to prevent soil erosion



# SOIL AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (SWRM) – COMMON PRACTICES



Grade Stabilization  
Structures



Waterway Systems



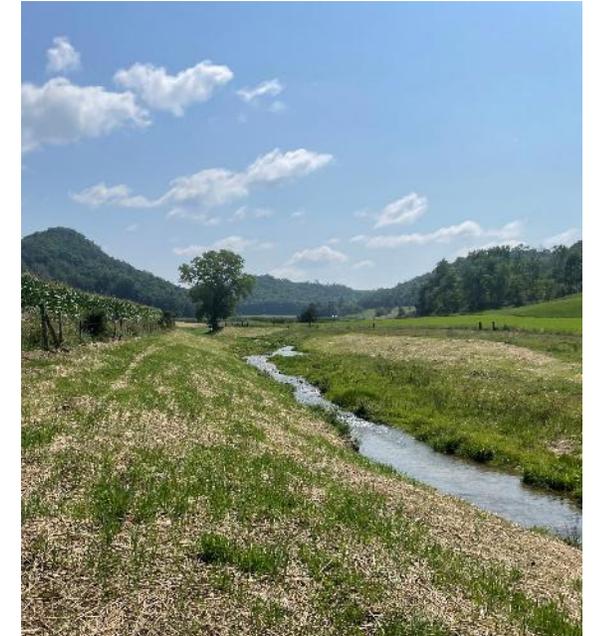
Prescribed Grazing – Permanent Fencing



Cover Crops



Manure Storage System



Stream Restoration



# SOIL AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (SWRM) – NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT



- Cost-sharing available to farmers for nutrient management planning and implementation
- \$10 per acre/year for four years
- Helps to cover cost of soil sampling and contracting a plan writer
- Requires a compliant NMP to be turned in annually
- Cost-share offered through county land conservation department



# SOIL AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (SWRM)

## Questions?



# CROP INSURANCE PREMIUM REBATES FOR PLANTING COVER CROPS



- Rebate of \$5 per acre for cover crops subsequently planted to an AIP insurable crop
- \$800,000 or 160,000 acres available per year since 2022
- Eligible acres have not received other forms of state/federal cost-share or incentives



# APPLICATION AND PREMIUM CREDIT

- Web based
  - Typically open Dec. 1-Jan. 30
  - [covercroprebate.wi.gov](http://covercroprebate.wi.gov)
- First-come, first served
- FSA-578 forms needed
- DATCP and USDA-RMA reviews
- Credit on cash crop insurance bill the following season

## Crop Insurance Premium Rebates for Planting Cover Crops Program



Per s. 92.14 (17), Wis. Stats., the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has partnered with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency (USDA RMA) to



# CROP INSURANCE PREMIUM REBATES FOR PLANTING COVER CROPS

## Questions?



# NITROGEN OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM GOALS



answer producer-specific  
nitrogen research  
questions



improve nitrogen management  
and use efficiency



improve producer profitability



reduce nitrates in  
surface- and  
groundwater



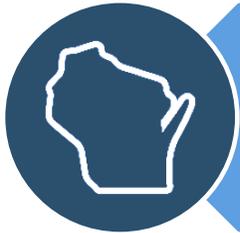
# ON-FARM NITROGEN MANAGEMENT RESEARCH SUPPORTS N OPTIMIZATION THROUGH



**Individual** trial results provide practical insights to fine-tune nitrogen management for participants' specific fields, management, and equipment.



**Community**-based, farmer-to-farmer learning facilitates sharing of research results through trusted sources.

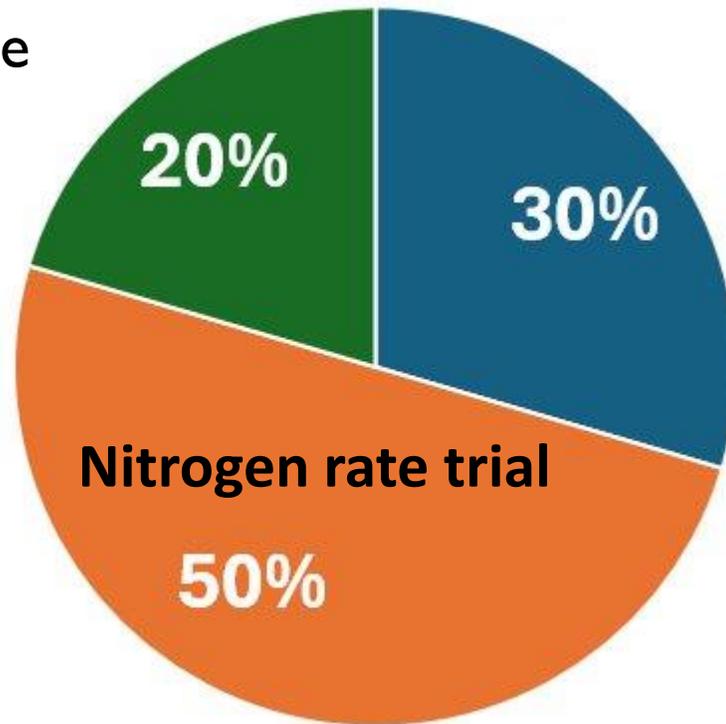


**Statewide** data from a diversity of operating Wisconsin farms strengthens N rate recommendations and other N management outreach.



## Specialty crop

- Cranberry
- Potato
- Sunflower
- Triticale
- Hay

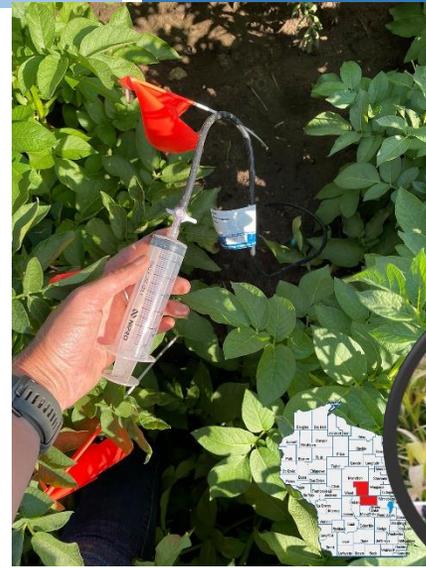


## Nitrogen rate trial with additional factor

- Product testing
- Cover crop
- Sulfur
- Winter grazing
- Manure
- Soil type comparison

## CATEGORIES OF PARTICIPATING SITES





Enhance N Management in potatoes



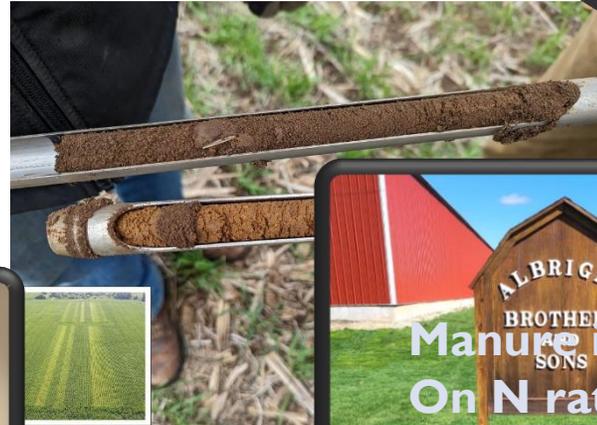
Biologicals



N crediting from CC on wheat

Nitrogen Timing

crediting to corn from different cover crops mixes



Variable Rate Nitrogen

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NITROGEN OPTIMIZATION PILOT PROGRAM

Corn MRTN rates vs. loam soil type



Manure impacts On N rates



# NITROGEN OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM

Questions?



# Thank you!



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