

“Fall Covers for Spring Savings” Cover Crop Premium Discount Program

New Pre-Entry Application and Submittal Directions



2023-2024 Program Year

To Access the Application...
(starts 8:00 A.M. CST, December 4, 2023)

There are multiple ways to access the application:

- You can go to the IDOA homepage (<https://agr.illinois.gov/>) and select **Fall Covers for Spring Savings - Cover Crops Premium Discount Program** in the black banner. This will take you to the Cover Crops Premium Discount Program Rules page. The link to the Application is in the second paragraph.
(See the next slide)

Or, you can go straight to the Application Login and Program Rules pages using the links below...

- The Cover Crop Premium Discount Program Application is located at https://apps.agr.illinois.gov/BLWR_CoverCrop/index.php
- The Cover Crop Premium Discount Program Rules is located at <https://agr.illinois.gov/resources/landwater/cover-crops-premium-discount-program.html>

How do I access the application?

<https://agr.illinois.gov/>

#1

LOOK UP INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES LICENSED BY IDOA >
» FALL COVERS FOR SPRING SAVINGS - COVER CROP PREMIUM DISCOUNT PROGRAM >

Select to access the Program Rules page.

<https://agr.illinois.gov/resources/landwater/cover-crops-premium-discount-program.html>

#2

Cover Crops Premium Discount Program

This is the Program Rules page.

Illinois Department of Agriculture "Fall Covers for Spring Savings" Cover Crop Premium Discount Program

Pre-Enrollment Period starts at **8:00 A.M. CST, December 4, 2023**
Program Submittal Period starts at **8:00 A.M. CST, December 15, 2023**
Program Closes at **11:59 P.M. CST, January 15, 2024**

Program Rules:

This Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) Cover Crop Premium Discount Program is being offered to promote additional acres of cover crops that are not covered by other state and federal program incentives (e.g., EQIP, CSP and state cost share). The program is applicable for acreage in Illinois seeded to cover crops in the fall of 2023 that will be planted to an insurable crop in 2024. Eligible applicants will receive a premium discount up to a \$5 per acre on **the following year's crop insurance**, depending on their crop insurance policy, for every cover crop acre enrolled and verified in the program.

New this year, users will be able to enter their information into the [Cover Crop Premium Discount Program Application](#) and validate it during a **pre-enrollment period starting at 8:00 A.M. CST on December 4, 2023**. Applications can be submitted once **the program opens at 8:00 A.M. on December 15, 2023**. Applications can be saved and edited at any time, prior to submittal.

Select to access the application

The Pre-Entry Application Form is new this year. Regardless of whether you submitted an application under previous cover crop programs, all program applicants will need to **Create an Account** to access the **Application**. Select this link to receive your **UserName** and **PIN** so you can **Login**.

Select this link only if you previously selected the **Create An Account** link above but have since forgotten your **UserName** or **PIN**.

This is the Cover Crop Premium Discount Program Application Login Page located at https://apps.agr.illinois.gov/BLWR_CoverCrop/index.php.

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[Click here to Create An Account](#). (All program applicants will need to create an account this year to access the Application. If you are a Farm Manager or responsible for entering multiple applications, you will have the opportunity to create multiple applications under one account).

[Click here to recover your UserName or PIN](#). (This is for applicants who already created an account for this year's program but need to recover a forgotten UserName or PIN).

Please provide your Name, UserName, and PIN to log into the Pre-Entry Form and Application.

Your Name:

UserName

PIN

Login

If you selected **Create An Account** on the Application Login page, this is the page you'll be taken to.

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Your **UserName** will automatically generate. You may change your **UserName** if you wish.

Fill out the **User Details** and click **Create User Account**.

Create User Account

← Cancel

Login Information

UserName:

This UserName was auto-generated, but you can change it to any UserName between 6 and 20 characters.

PIN: **Your PIN/Password will be generated and sent via email after your account is created.**

User Details

Business Name:

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Phone Main:

Phone 2:

Mail Address1:

Mail Address2:

Mail City:

Mail State:

Mail ZIP:

Physical Address1:

Physical Address2:

Physical City:

Physical State:

Physical ZIP:

Additional Information

Please include any information you would like The Department of Agriculture to know that is related to

Create User Account

Clicking **Create User Account** will send your **UserName** and **PIN** to the email address you entered in **User Details**. The email will also contain a link to the application.



This confirmation page will appear after you click **Create User Account**. You will receive an email to the email address you entered in **User Details**. If you did not receive the email, please check your spam or junk folder. The email will contain your **UserName** and **PIN** and contain a link to the login page.

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User Account Creation Confirmation

Your User Account has successfully been created!

An Email Has Been Sent to the Email Address Provided. The email contains login instructions.

[Go to login page!](#)

You can also access the login page by clicking here.

Contact Information

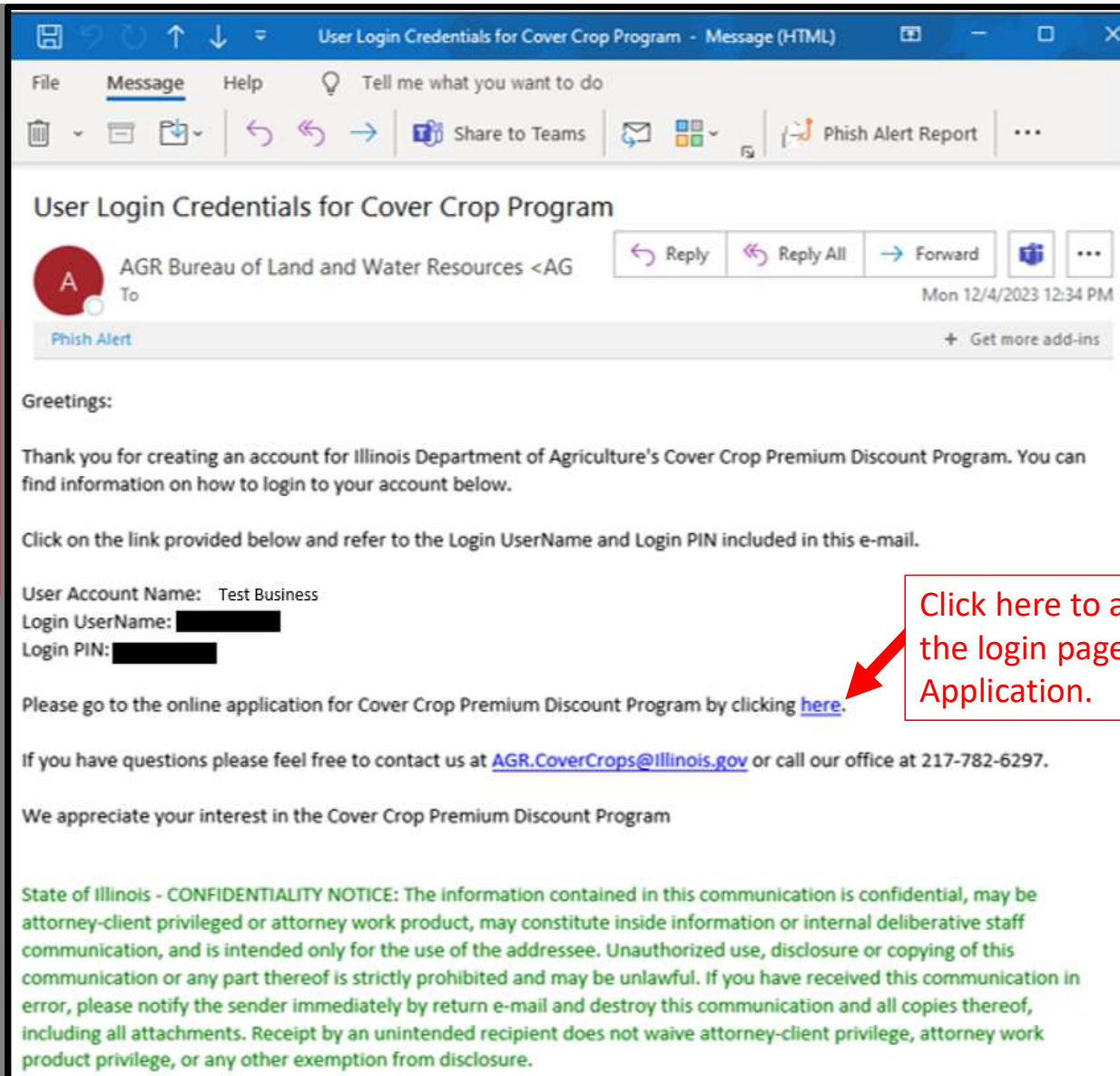
Illinois Department of Agriculture
John R. Block Building

State Links

[News Releases](#)
[Open Meetings](#)

Stay Connected





This is an example of the email generated by clicking **Create User Account**. Follow the instructions in the email to access the application.

Click here to access the login page and Application.



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[Click here to recover your UserName or PIN](#). (This is for applicants who already created an account for this year's program but need to recover a forgotten UserName or PIN).

Please provide your Name, UserName, and PIN to log into the Pre-Entry Form and Application.

Your Name:

i.e. John Smith

UserName

User Name

PIN

PIN

Login

Enter your **Name**, **UserName**, and **PIN** (from the email that was sent to you) and click **Login**

After clicking **Login**, you'll be taken to the **Application Dashboard**. The timer on the page is counting down until applications can start being submitted at **8:00 A.M. CST on December 15th, 2023**.



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[Go to Dashboard](#)

[Logout](#)

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Dashboard

Our records do not show any drafts or applications for your UserName and PIN.

[Begin New Application](#)

Click here to **Begin a New Application**. Once an application is created and saved, the application can be **viewed, edited, or deleted** from the **Dashboard** any time prior to submittal. (Farm Managers or those who are responsible for multiple entities can enter multiple applications for those entities, respectively).

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The entire application must be complete before submitting. If you leave this page before saving or submitting the application, any data you may have entered will be lost.

Please have the following information prepared to complete your application:

- Applicant Information
- Contact Information
- Farm, Tract, and Field Information
- Files to Attach:
 1. Form FSA 578
- Complete all applicable fields, follow additional instructions and check off each of the acknowledgements and signoff.

Business/Individual Applicant

Enter your Business/Individual Information

Business/Individual Name:*

Insurance Policy Number:*

[Add Another Row](#)

[Remove Last Row](#)

Address:*

Illinois

County:*

...

Primary Contact

Enter the Primary Contact Information

Name:*

First Name

Last Name

Address:*

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Physical City

...



Physical Zip

Phone:

(XXX) XXX-XXXX

E-mail Address:*

E-mail Address

Secondary Contact - Optional

Enter the Secondary Contact Information (if needed)

Name:

First Name

Last Name

Address:

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Physical City

...



Physical Zip

Phone:

(XXX) XXX-XXXX

E-mail Address:

E-mail Address

Site correspondence may also be delivered to this email address.

Land Information

DATA ENTRY FORMAT REQUIREMENTS:

Farm number: Maximum 5 numeric characters.

Tract number: Maximum 5 numeric characters.

CLU/FieldNumber: Common Land Unit (CLU) number/Field Number Maximum

CLU/Field Acres (Total): Maximum 15 characters. Can be decimals only to hund

Using your FSA-578 for reference, enter the Farm, Tract, and Field Information. If you need to add a Tract, Field, or additional Farm(s), select the respective green **Add** button(s).

Enter the acreage of each field individually. Do not enter a total ac

Farm #1

Add Tract for this Farm

Farm Number:*

Field Acres: 0.00

Insured Share Percent:*

If the Insured Share Percent is less than 100, please provide the business or individual names of the additional Insured Shareholders for this Farm. List the Full Name and percentage of ownership for each shareholder as identified on the FSA-578 form associated with this Farm:

250 characters remaining

Tract #1

Tract Number:*

Add Field For This Tract

Tract #1 Field Information

Field #1

Field Number:*

Acres:*

Enter the acreage of this field only. Do not enter a total acreage for more than one field.

County:*

Add Another Farm

Cover Cropped Acres: 0.00

Farm #1 Add Tract for this Farm

Farm Number:* Field Acres: 2.00

Insured Share Percent:*

If the Insured Share Percent is less than 100, please provide the business or individual names of the additional Insured Shareholders for this Farm. List the Full Name and percentage of ownership for each shareholder as identified on the FSA-578 form associated with this Farm:

Additional Shareholder Notes 250 characters remaining

Tract #1

Tract Number:* Add Field For This Tract Remove Last Field for This Tract

Tract #1 Field Information

Field #1	Field Number:* <input type="text" value="1"/>	Acres:* <input type="text" value="1"/>	<small>Enter the acreage of this field only. Do not enter a total acreage for more than one field.</small>
	County:* <input type="text" value="Sangamon Coi"/>		

Field #2	Field Number:* <input type="text" value="2"/>	Acres:* <input type="text" value="1"/>	<small>Enter the acreage of this field only. Do not enter a total acreage for more than one field.</small>
	County:* <input type="text" value="Sangamon Coi"/>		

Farm #2 Add Tract for this Farm

Farm Number:* Field Acres: 0.50

Insured Share Percent:*

If the Insured Share Percent is less than 100, please provide the business or individual names of the additional Insured Shareholders for this Farm. List the Full Name and percentage of ownership for each shareholder as identified on the FSA-578 form associated with this Farm:

Joe Test 50 239 characters remaining

Tract #1

Tract Number:* Add Field For This Tract

Tract #1 Field Information

Field #1	Field Number:* <input type="text" value="1"/>	Acres:* <input type="text" value="1"/>	<small>Enter the acreage of this field only. Do not enter a total acreage for more than one field.</small>
	County:* <input type="text" value="Sangamon Coi"/>		

Add Another Farm
Remove Last Farm
Cover Cropped

*If you added a Tract, Field, or Farm by selecting the respective green **Add** button, a red **Remove Last** button will appear that will allow you to remove the last respective Farm, Tract, or Field entry.*

Please note, if you select the **Remove Last button, any data entered under that entry will be deleted. For example, if you select **Remove Last Farm** you will lose all Tracts and Fields entered under that Farm.*

Answer the **Additional Questions** and attach all pages of your **FSA-578**. If you need to attach multiple files, each file may be no more than 8MB. To attach multiple files, you can select all your files once you've clicked **Choose Files** or select files one at a time by clicking **Save Changes** in between each file that you attach. (We do not need the FSA Maps)

Additional Questions

Is this your first time planting cover crops? (check the box for 'Yes')

How many acres of cover crop in addition to this program did you plant in 2023?

of Acres

Attachments

If you have multiple files to attach, please attach and save them one at a time. You can do this by browsing, selecting one of the files, and then go to the bottom of the page and click the 'Save' button. Then, you can repeat the process for as many files as you need.

Form FSA 578:*

Documents (Max file size: 8 MB)

Choose Files No file chosen

Complete the **Acknowledgements and Signoff**.
Refer to the Program Rules page if needed by selecting the link provided.

Acknowledgements and Signoff - I have agreed to submit this application by electronic means. By checking the boxes below and signing this application electronically, I certify under penalty of perjury and false swearing that my answers are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Cover Crop Premium Discount Program Policies

I understand the acres I sign-up through this program are not currently enrolled in other state and federal cost-share funding or incentives. * (Answering "no" to this question, will deem the application ineligible for this program. IDOA will verify with existing datasets to prevent duplication.)

I understand that by enrolling in this program, I agree to meet all eligibility requirements as stated in the rules and requirements. Further, I am responsible to notify any business or individual that may own an insured share percent of any farm that I submitted an application for under this Cover Crop Premium Discount Program.

[Click to review rules and requirements.](#)

I have read, reviewed, and understand all of the information on this form and certify under penalty of perjury and false swearing that my answers are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Name

By entering my name and checking the box above, I am giving my digital signature for the entered information above. I understand that an electronic signature has the same legal effect and can be enforced in the same way as a written signature.

When complete, you may select **Save Changes** if you wish to continue editing OR select **Save Official Draft** to validate your entries and create an application that is ready to be submitted. By selecting either Save button, the application will prompt you to correct any issues before saving. If you leave the application before correcting all errors or issues in your application, your data will be lost.

*Please note, at a minimum, for the **Save Changes** button to save your application progress, the **First and Last Name** of the **Primary Contact** must be filled out. For the **Save Official Draft** button to validate your application, every box in the application must be filled out, with the exception that the **Secondary Contact** and **Additional Questions** may be left blank, as appropriate.

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• Your progress on this application has been **SAVED** successfully!
Click on 'Save Official Draft' at the bottom of the page to save a draft that has been fully validated and will be ready to be submitted.

The entire application must be complete before submitting. If you leave this page before saving or submitting the application, any data you may have entered will be lost.

Please have the following information prepared to complete your application:

- Applicant Information
- Contact Information
- Farm, Tract, and Field Information
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 1. Form FSA 578
- Complete all applicable fields, follow additional instructions and check off each of the acknowledgements and signoff.

If you selected **Save Changes** and all errors have been resolved, this green box will appear at the top of the application to show your application has been saved successfully.

If you are done for the moment, but plan to make further edits to the application, you can click on **Go to Dashboard** or **Logout**.

If your application is complete, scroll to the bottom of the page and select **Save Official Draft** to validate the application so it is ready to be submitted.

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• Your progress has been saved successfully!

Business Information

Business Name: Test Business
Insurance Policy Number: 111111
Address: 123 Test Rd
Test, IL 62703
County: Sangamon

Contact Information

Primary Contact

Full Name: Test Test
Address: 123 Test Rd
Test, IL 62703
Phone:
Email: test@test.com

Secondary Contact

Full Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email:
Can Correspondence be sent to secondary contact's Email: No

Attached Documents

Form FSA 578: 578 Test Attachment - 1.docx

Application Information

First time planting cover crops? No
Total Number of Acres in provided fields: 2.50
Cover Cropped acres in addition to this program: 0.00

Farm Information

Farm 1

Farm Number: 1
Insured Share Percent: 100.00 %
Shareholder Info:

Tract 1

Tract Number: 1

Field Number	County	Acres
1	Sangamon	1.00
2	Sangamon	1.00

Farm 2

Farm Number: 2
Insured Share Percent: 50.00 %
Shareholder Info: Joe Test 50

Tract 1

Tract Number: 1

Field Number	County	Acres
1	Sangamon	1.00

[Edit Application](#)

[Print Page](#)

[Save as Draft](#)

The submittal button will be active here from: 12/15/2023 until 01/15/2024

If you selected **Save Official Draft** and all errors have been resolved, this is the page you will see to show your application has been saved successfully.

If you are done with your application, you can click **Print Page**, **Go to Dashboard**, or **Logout**. You may also make edits to the application any time prior to submitting your application by clicking **Edit Application**.

When the program opens on December 15th, at 8:00 A.M. CST, this block will turn into a **Submit** button.

To Submit Your Application...
**(8:00 A.M. CST, December 15, 2023, to
11:59 P.M. CST, January 15, 2024)**

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Your Name:

i.e. John Smith

UserName

User Name

PIN

PIN

Login

Once the program opens at 8:00 A.M. CST on December 15th, 2023, the countdown timer will change to a button to refresh the page. You will need to click that button if you are waiting on this page when the time changes to 8:00 A.M. CST. If you log into the application after 8:00 A.M. CST, the page will refresh on its own.

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Go to Dashboard Logout

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Dashboard

2 Application/s

Begin New Application

	Business Name	Contact Name	Total Acres	Date Created	Submitted?	Date Submitted
View / Edit	Test Business	Test Test	2.50	12/5/2023	Go To Submittal Page	✘
View / Edit	Test Business2	Test Test	1.00	12/8/2023	No	✘

For applications that have been validated and **Saved as Official Draft**, logging in after 8:00 A.M or refreshing the page will create a green **Go To Submittal Page** button on the Dashboard. To submit the application, click **Go To Submittal Page**. This will take you to the application summary page from which you can **Submit** your application.

For applications that have been **Saved** but not validated and **Saved as Official Draft**, there will be no **Got To Submittal Page** button on the Dashboard. To submit the application, you will need to click **View/Edit** and validate the application by selecting **Save Official Draft** at the bottom of the application. Any errors will need to be resolved before the application can be submitted. Once all errors have been resolved, clicking **Save Official Draft** again will take you to the application summary page from which you can **Submit** your application.

The Cover Crop Premium Discount Program currently able to login, set up an account, and already completed.

This is the application summary page.
To submit your application, click **Submit Application**.
Once you submit, you cannot make any edits to your application.

Your progress has been saved successfully!

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Insurance Policy Number: 111111
Address: 123 Test Rd
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Contact Information

Primary Contact

Full Name: Test Test
Address: 123 Test Rd
Test, IL 62703
Phone: (555)555-5555
Email: test@test.com

Secondary Contact

Full Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email:
Can Correspondence be sent to secondary contact's Email: No

Attached Documents

Form FSA 578: 578 Test Attachment - 1.docx

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Insured Share Percent: 100.00 %
Shareholder Info:

Tract 1

Tract Number: 1

Field Number	County	Acres
1	Sangamon	1.00
2	Sangamon	1.00

Farm 2

Farm Number: 2
Insured Share Percent: 50.00 %
Shareholder Info: Joe Test 50

Tract 1

Tract Number: 1

Field Number	County	Acres
1	Sangamon	1.00

[Edit Application](#)[Print Page](#)[Save as Draft](#)

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Thank you for participating in the
Illinois Department of Agriculture's
"Fall Covers for Spring Savings"
Cover Crop Premium Discount Program.

**If you have any questions, please reach out to your local
Soil & Water Conservation District or you can contact
IDOA by email at AGR.CoverCrops@Illinois.gov or
call our office at 217-782-6297.**