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Free Cover Crop Seeding Program for Lake Paradise/Lake Mattoon Watershed Group

The Lake Paradise/Lake Mattoon FLASH group is offering a FREE program to help farmers establish cover crops on corn and soybean acres to reduce erosion, enhance soil health, and manage nutrients. Participants can choose cover crops from several group-approved options.

Cover crops will be aerial seeded, free of charge

**Applications due
April 10, 2026**

Application form and more information is available at www.farmland.org/flash



Cover crops seeded by drone in Montgomery County.

For information about joining the Lake Paradise / Lake Mattoon Watershed FLASH Group in Coles County contact Malina Przygoda: Malina.przygoda@il.nacdn.net, (217) 345-3901 ext. 3

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Funding for the program is provided by USDA's Regional Conservation Partnership Program. Participants must have valid Farm & Tract number(s), meet USDA's eligibility requirements, and share their field management information using the STAR tool (www.startool.ag).

Cover Crop Selections (lbs/acre)	Before Cash Crop
Oat (25) + Rapeseed (2) + Crimson Clover (3.5) + Balansa Clover (3.5)	Corn
Oat (25) + Turnip (1) Buckwheat (10)+ Kale (1)	Corn or Soybeans
Cereal Rye (45)	Soybeans
Cereal Rye (32) + Crimson Clover (3.5) + Balansa Clover (3.5)	Soybeans

Cover crops will be aerial seeded from mid-August to late September depending on species & local field conditions.

Planting windows may vary.

Seeding rates may be adjusted to meet NRCS standards.

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