



Conservation Crop Rotation Forages - Fact Sheet

What is H2Ohio?

H2Ohio is Governor Mike DeWine’s comprehensive, data-driven water quality plan to reduce harmful algal blooms, improve wastewater infrastructure, and prevent lead contamination.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture is leading efforts to reduce phosphorus runoff. Producers can receive incentives for implementing proven, cost-effective best management practices on their land.

Cost Share Incentive

Producers will receive \$35 per acre annually for a minimum of 2 years, but not more than 3 years, when verification of all program requirements are met.

Practice Compatibility

- Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan Development and Implementation
- Variable Rate Phosphorus Application
- Subsurface Phosphorus Placement
- Overwintering Cover Crops
- Drainage Water Management

Important Dates to Remember

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| March - October | Apply nutrients in accordance to crop needs and Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan. |
| Fall | Verify completion of practice annually at SWCD. |

Frequently Asked Questions

If I already have forage acres established in my rotation, do those acres qualify?

No, all forage acres enrolled in the program must be newly established.

Is there a stubble height requirement?

Residual forage height must be a minimum of four inches tall by October 15 of each year.

How many years must the forages be maintained?

Practice must be maintained a minimum of two years from the date of practice installation. Producers may apply for a minimum of two years and no more than three years of funding for this practice.

Where can I find seeding requirements for the H2Ohio Forages practice?

Seeding rates for forages shall follow NRCS Appendix A seeding table or OSU Agronomy Guide, 15th ed.

Can I graze the forage?

Grazing according to a Grazing Management Plan between March 15 and October 15 is permitted.



How Do I Apply?

Contact your area Soil and Water Conservation District:
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