A Farmer-Led Conservation Service Program That Puts Farmers First

Precision Conservation Management (PCM) is the premier conservation program of the IL Corn Growers Association and Illinois Soybean Association. Our connection to farmers is what makes our program and services different. We combine 1-on-1 relationships with advanced farm data analysis to help farmers make confident business decisions about conservation practice adoption and scaling.


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**PepsiCo & Partners Regen Ag Incentive Program**

PCM farmers are eligible to receive $5-$25 per acre for using conservation practices. This program is available to all farmers and all acres, regardless of practice history (does not discriminate against early adopters). Incentive payment structure for the 2023 growing season are subject to change each year. Farmers agree that PepsiCo has exclusive rights to claim all greenhouse gas reductions (carbon credits) generated on cost shared acres.

**MRTN On-Farm Strip Validation Trial**

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**5-Year Transition Program**

The 5-year Transition program (5YT) is a partnership effort between PCM, NRCS, and the Walton Family Foundation. To participate, work with your PCM Specialist to identify one field (80+ acres) or 2 adjacent fields (40+ acres each) on which you will maintain your current management system on half the acres and implement a 5-year “soil health management system” on the other half. Compensation for this project includes $1500/year.

**IL Soybean/ The Nature Conservancy Cover Crop Cost Share**

PCM farmers in the Northern, North-West, and Southwest PCM regions are eligible to receive $25/acre on up to 160 acres of cover crops. This is only available for fields receiving cover crops for the first time.

**MRTN - Linked Crop Insurance Premium Support Program**

This program is available to farmers who purchase crop insurance and have been enrolled in PCM for at least 2 years with data demonstrating that they historically apply nitrogen fertilizer to their corn fields at an average rate of 200 lb N/a or greater (total N). Eligible farmers can receive $10/a to apply toward increasing their crop insurance coverage in exchange for reducing their total N application rate to the MRTN on all their corn acres.