

NCCC211 / MCCC 2019 Iowa Report

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Total acreage of cover crops planted in Iowa in fall of 2019 are preliminarily estimated at between 1,040,000 to 1,150,000 acres. This estimate is based on the Iowa Learning Farms farmer survey. Final estimates will be available in March of 2019. Cost share opportunities include the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, USDA-NRCS EQIP contracts, USDA-NRCS CSP supported contracts, crop insurance premium reduction, and ADM/Unilever Sustainable Soybean Continuous Improvement Program. Outreach efforts on cover crops in Iowa reached over 10,800 individuals through approximately 173 events, including Iowa State University Extension, Iowa Learning Farms and Practical Farmers of Iowa outreach activities. Other cover crop outputs included publication of seven refereed scientific articles and two Ph.D. dissertations and two M.S. creative components. For 2019, there were seven graduate students, one post-doctoral research associates, and two research associate conducting research on cover crops and six new projects were funded.

Full listing of outputs included with full report submitted to NCCC211 and MCCC.