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BUILDING KNOWLEDGE ABOUT WISCONSIN'S COVER CROPS: A DATA COLLECTION PROJECT

UW-Madison researchers are continuing and expand a project that started in 2020 to help advance cover crop use in Wisconsin. They are looking for farmers to share information about the use of cover crops on their farms. Participants fill out a very simple survey and participate in a basic data collection protocol to provide the needed information.

Following is an outline of the procedure for participating in this project.

- This survey will be conducted so participants will remain anonymous. No participant information will be used when sharing the survey results. If, after reading through the process, you are interested in participating in this project, please complete the registration form at this link: <https://forms.gle/98a9XzYrjU3qdng7> by September 1, 2021.
- After signing up, participants will receive a link to the actual data collection survey, and a link to a video with directions on completing survey.
- After completing the initial survey participants will receive directions on how to submit photos of the cover crop at seeding, two weeks following seeding, and four weeks following seeding.
- Participants will also be contacted for permission to have a UW project member come to the farm and collect biomass samples late in the fall.
- Participants will receive data report during 2021-2022 winter.
- Wisconsin producers that fill out the entire survey and provide photos of the field at seeding, two weeks following seeding, and four weeks following seeding will receive \$25. An additional \$75.00 will be provided to producers who allow the biomass sample to be taken. Total incentive \$100 for about an hour of time.

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