

## COVERING AMERICA FROM COAST TO COAST: SPECIALTY GRAINS + OILSEEDS PROGRAM

Through this project, we will work with farmers to utilize holistic management and soil health protocols to produce oats, rye, flax, buckwheat, and camelina.

### PRODUCER BENEFITS

**Technical Assistance:** The SustainAg Advisory team will assist farmers with a customized implementation plan to select the best cover crop mixes and holistic practices for the operation. Select producers will have the opportunity to try biochar as a soil amendment, as well.

In addition to growing the specialty grains and oilseeds, participating farmers must plant equal acreage of a multi-species cover crop or forage planting on the same operation, and implement two of the following practices:

- Reduced tillage or no-till
- Reduced N usage through a Nutrient Management Plan
- Minimum of a three-crop rotation

### Practice Incentive Payments:

- \$30/acre for cover crop establishment

**Premium Payments:** 10-20% premium payments for verified climate-smart grains and oilseeds purchased through the program.

The Covering America from Coast to Coast program aims to:

- Support farmers with economic and agronomic assistance to diversify crop rotations.
- Improve cover crop seed supply chains.
- Develop milling, food processing, and pet food markets that focus on verified climate-smart grains and oilseeds.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

AgSpire's SustainAg Advisory Team will work with farmers to implement and verify holistic management practices and measure outcomes in order to distribute incentive and premium payments.

Producers are required to:

- Plant a diverse (2+ species) cover crop mix and follow the developed management plan
- Allow GPS mapping of operation
- Allow soil sampling up to twice per year

### ELIGIBILITY

Currently enrolling farmers in South Dakota and surrounding states. Incentive payments are not available for seedings that are already receiving cost share from another USDA source (EQIP, CSP, and others) or incentives from carbon programs.

### DATA PRIVACY

No individual data will be shared outside of the project. AgSpire will own aggregated data to protect individual privacy.