

Dear Operator,

The sign-up period for the 2016-2017 MDA Cover Crop Program runs June 24 - July 15, 2016.

#### ELIGIBLE COVER CROP SPECIES

e *Cereal Grains*: Wheat/speltz, rye, barley, triticale, spring oats, ryegrass, & canola/rape (brassica)

e *Forage Radish*

e *Legumes*: Crimson clover, Australian winter peas, & hairy vetch

#### PLANTING REQUIREMENTS

e Plant cereal grains by November 5, 2016. Early planting incentives are offered.

e To create diversity, any two cover crop species may be mixed at a rate of 60 percent cereal grains and

40 percent legumes or radish.

e Mixes containing rye do not qualify for the \$10/acre rye incentive.

e Mixes containing forage radish must be planted by September 15, 2016.

e Mixes containing legumes must be planted by October 1, 2016.

For program guidelines, please visit:

[http://mda.maryland.gov/resource\\_conservation/Pages/cover\\_crop.aspx](http://mda.maryland.gov/resource_conservation/Pages/cover_crop.aspx)

If you have any questions, please call 301-797-6821, Ext. 3. ***It is highly recommended to call the office before arrival to ensure the appropriate staff members are available to assist you.*** The application & funding process is treated as “first come-first serve”. **The office will be closed July 4, 2016.**

#### REMINDER FOR THOSE IN THE SPRING 2016 MANURE INCORPORATION/INJECTION PROGRAM:

**All incorporation must be COMPLETED by August 1, 2016 and REPORTED by August 10, 2016.**

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