

The Cover Crop-ortunity

Sequestering Carbon and Building a Resilient Food System

Planting cover crops is one regenerative agriculture practice that can help reverse climate change and build a more climate-resilient food system. Cover crops sequester carbon in the soil, reducing greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. They also build healthier soils that prevent erosion, protect water, and withstand drier and wetter conditions – so farmers can still grow nutritious food in a changing climate.

CIBO connects growers with incentive programs for adopting regenerative practices like cover crops. And CIBO connects ag-focused enterprises with growers so companies can meet their ESG, carbon, and Scope 3 commitments.

Leading enterprises and growers recognize and invest in the cover crop-ortunity.

MOST U.S. FARMLAND ISN'T COVER CROPPED

Approximately

4-7%

of U.S. farmland is cover-cropped

BUT ADOPTION IS GROWING

Cover cropped acres grew

50%

between 2012 and 2017

GROWERS REDUCE INPUTS

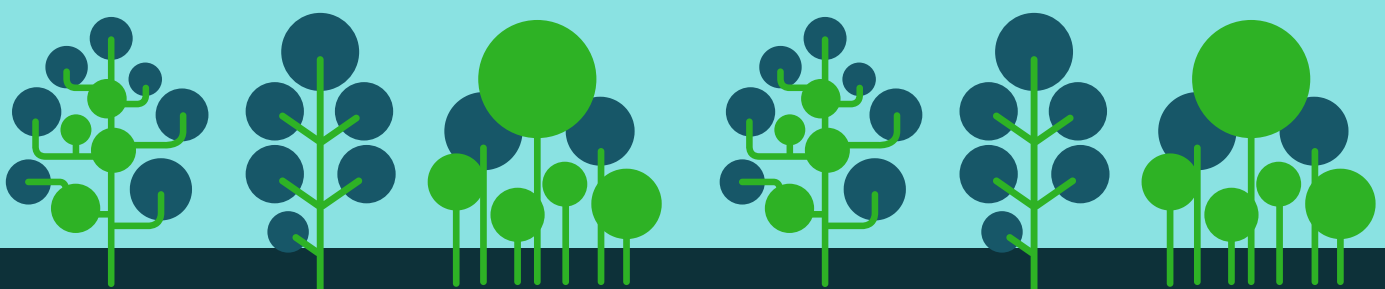
80%
of soybean growers and

78%
of corn growers saw reduced herbicide costs or better weed control

MOST SEE RAPID BENEFITS

58%
saw benefits in less than 2 years, while an additional

29%
saw soil health benefits in 2-3 years



Sources:
[University of Illinois - Farm Doc Daily, 2019](#)
[USDA Census of Agriculture, 2012 and 2017](#)
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