Iowa Farmers - Leading the Way

Covering A Lot of Ground

Iowa farmers plant nearly 3.8 million acres of cover crops - preventing, on average, 28 - 31% of nitrate and 29% of phosphorus from reaching our water.

2009 less than 10,000 acres

2018 2 million acres

2020 3.1 million acres

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2022 3.8 million acres

*Source: lowa Nutrient Research and Education Council (INREC). 2009 number comes from USDA