

# 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

2022 3.8 million acres

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