

Covering A Lot of Ground

Iowa farmers plant nearly 3.8 million acres of cover crops - preventing, on average, 28 - 31% of nitrates 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: 2022 number provided by Iowa Nutrient Research & Education Council (INREC). All other numbers provided by Iowa Learning Farms, Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy and Practical Farmers of Iowa.