

# HARNESSING COVER CROPS

Through Climate-Smart Ag Partnerships

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities provide financial support to the awarded projects for implementing climate-smart practices in line with conservation practice standards (CPS). CPS340, the Natural Resources Conservation Service's designation for cover crop practices, is included in **88 projects** out of a total of **123 projects** awarded. These 88 projects cover all the U.S. states and territories and are involved in the production of 82 commodities. Total Federal funding for these projects totals **\$2.39 billion**.

In 2023, ASTA conducted a survey of Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities participants to gain a better understanding of cover crop planting intentions. Of project leaders contacted, nearly half of the participants completed ASTA's survey.

Many seed companies, and a significant number of ASTA members, are involved in the projects as leaders or partners.

As projects mostly cover more than one state, the states with the highest number of projects utilizing CPS340 are in the Midwest, with Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, and Kansas at the top of the list.

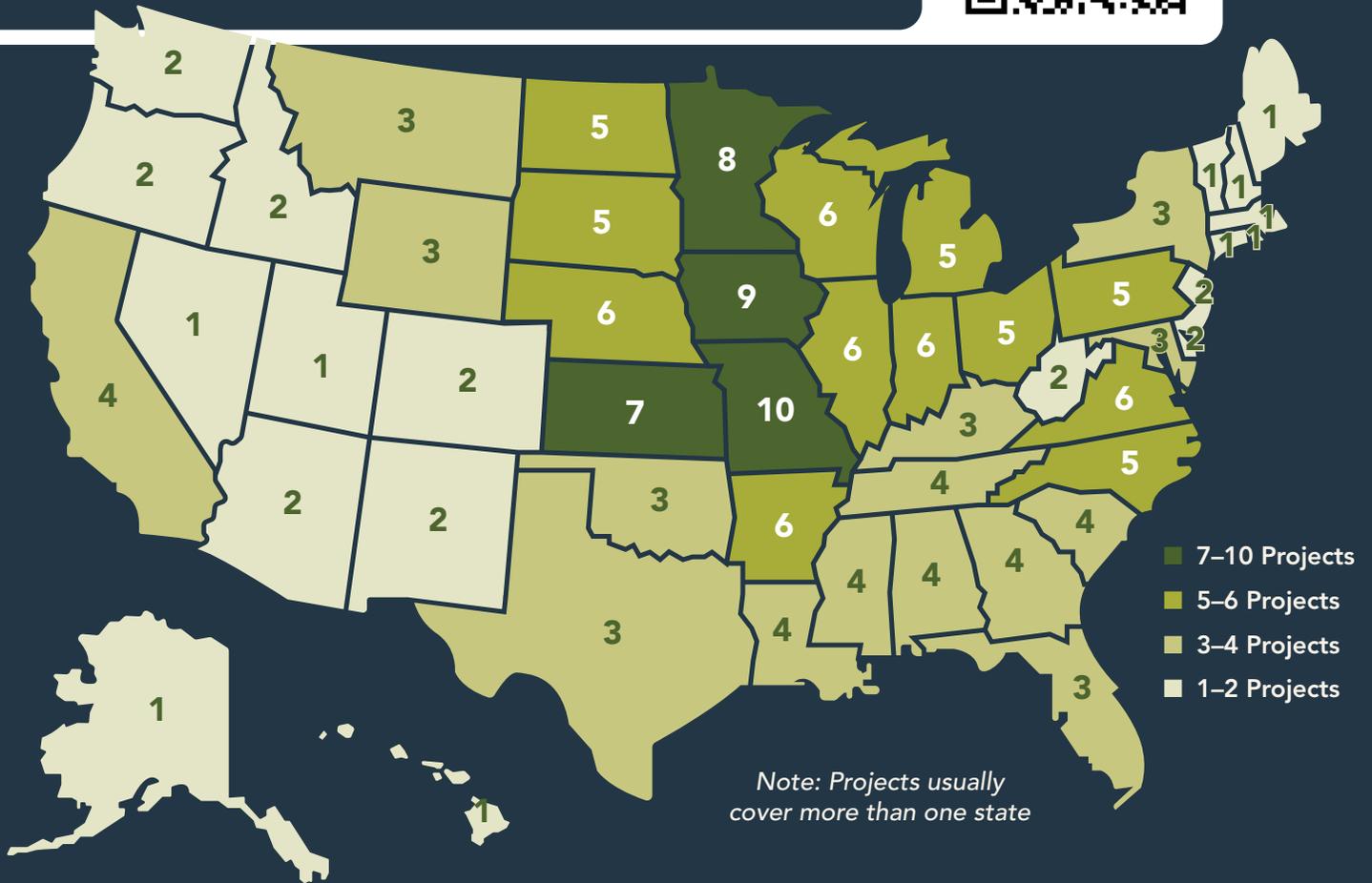
These grants are expected to result in over **10.5 million additional acres** of cover crops throughout the life of the program's 5-year timeline, although some projects do have a 3-year timeline.



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**123**  
Projects

**55**  
States & Territories

**99**  
Major Commodities

**200**  
Practices

**PROJECTS with Cover Crop Practice (#340)**

**88**  
Projects

**55**  
States & Territories

**82**  
Major Commodities

**\$2.39B**  
Federal Funding

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