



LOWER CEDAR WMA

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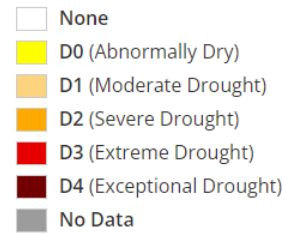
Heartland Co-op Update for the Lower Cedar
Watershed Management Authority



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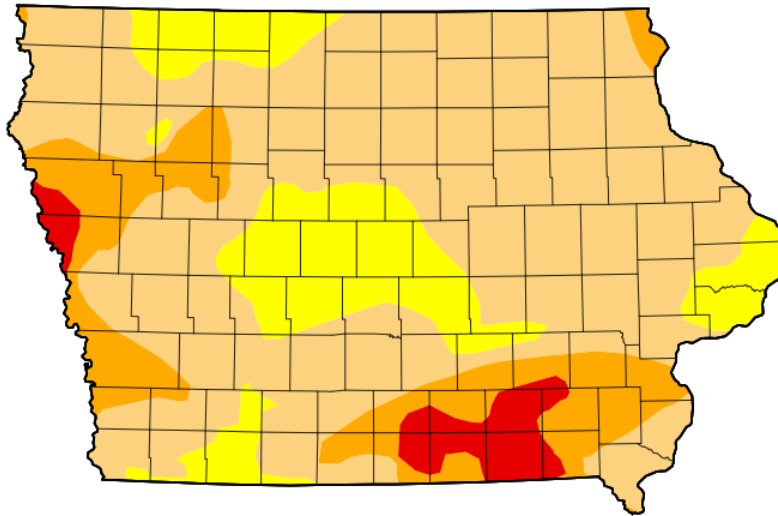
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WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW:

- Spring 2023 was a tough spring for cover crop users. Very dry conditions did not offer much forgiveness in cover crop fields. We are seeing more hesitancy to continue use or try cover crops for the first time.
- Farmers are making cover crop plans for fall. Airplanes will begin applying cover crops in late August to early September.

COLD SPRING FARMS FIELD DAY



June 6, 2023 Attendees dined and learned about saturated buffers at the Cold Spring Pond located east of West Branch. Above, Kent Stuart, describes the saturated buffer they have on their farm.



Ken Fawcett shares about the conservation practices that Fawcett Farms have adopted.

Cover Crop Cost-Share



Already using cover crops?

Want to start using cover crops or plant more acres?

- Receive \$10 / acre on unlimited acres!
- Acres can overlap with any publicly funded cost-share program!

**PROGRAM OPEN UNTIL
DECEMBER 1, 2023**

Lower Cedar Batch and Build Update

39 structures (25 saturated buffers and 14 bioreactors) were approved by landowners and are in the final design phase now.



Upcoming Cover Crop Field Day: Everything Cover Crops!

Date: August 22nd from 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Location: Fawcett farms Cold Spring Pond, 459 290th St, West Branch, IA 52358

Agenda

5:30pm: Meal sponsored by Practical Farmers of Iowa

6:00pm: Rainfall Simulator Demo by J.D Hollingsworth, NRCS Soil Health Specialist

6:30pm: Cover Crop Strategies by Emery Davis, Heartland Co-op Conservation Agronomist

7:00pm: Farmer Panel with Ron Schott, Kent Stuart, and Randy Pedersen. They will talk about their cover crop strategies and the equipment they use.



Thank you for your partnership in making it possible for us to work with farmers to adopt conservation practices in the Lower Cedar Watershed. We are very excited to see the progress that will happen over the next few years!