

## COVER CROP ECONOMICS DECISION SUPPORT TOOL

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# Economics of Cover Crops and Soil Health



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A field of green cover crops, likely a species of clover, with numerous small pink flowers in bloom. The plants are dense and cover the ground. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the same field under a clear blue sky.

Utilization of cover crops provides many resource benefits to soil and water resources.

However, some producers may question the affordability of incorporating cover crops in their operation.

Partial budgeting is a tool to help answer that question.

# User Input MS Excel Tool

Partial Budget framework

User input based on operation

Tool assesses profitability and affordability  
(economic analysis and financial analysis)

Available to download from these locations:

NRCS MO Soil Health Website:

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/mo/soils/health/>

NRCS IL eFOTG Section V > Costs and Economic Tools

[http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov//efotg\\_locator.aspx](http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov//efotg_locator.aspx)

# Partial Budget Framework

- Focus only on what changes (not looking at the entire enterprise budget)
- Focus on the costs and benefits realized by the producer
- Focus on the benefits that can be easily monetized



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