

Covering A Lot of Ground

Iowa farmers plant more than 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

2019 2.2 million acres

2021 2.8 million acres

2023 3.8 million acres

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