



Get Paid to Save on Nitrogen

Maryland and Pennsylvania wheat farmers in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed can earn payments for improving nitrogen use efficiency (NUE) while choosing the practices and tools that work best for them.



\$1,000 Planning Payment

Work with an agribusiness partner to find ways to improve NUE on your farm. Funding can be used for technical assistance, testing, data management, equipment access, or other planning needs.



Performance-Based NUE Payment

Once you have a plan, you'll compare your current practices to new management approaches. Farmers earn an incentive payment based on the NUE achieved at the end of the season.



Optional On-Farm Trial Payment

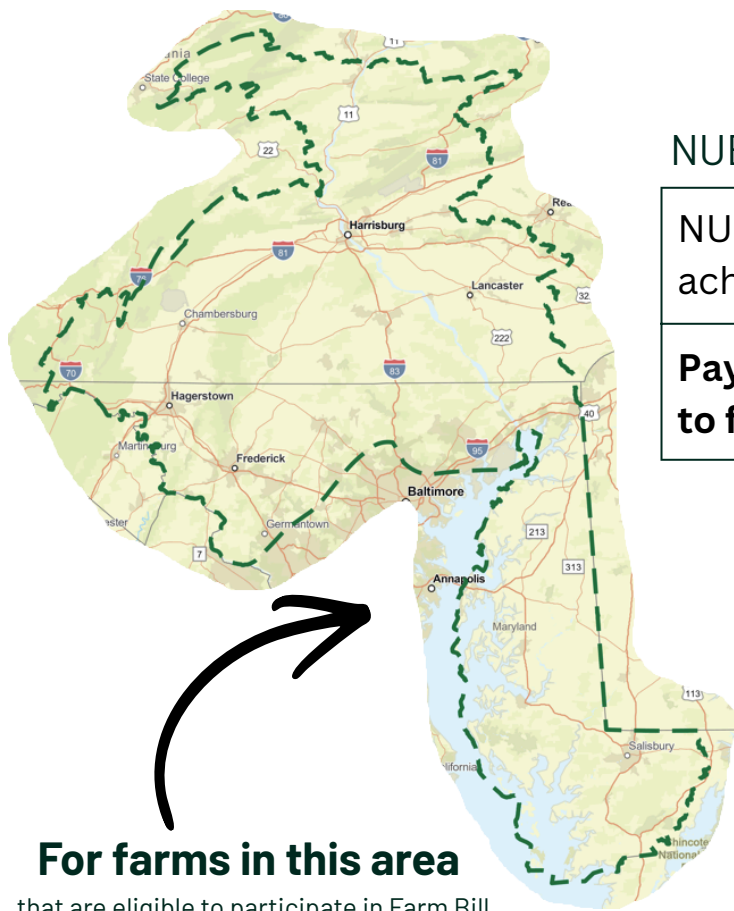
Participate in a comprehensive replicated field trial and receive \$2,000 for your time and effort. Trials are designed to fit your existing equipment and field layout, with minimal time required. Results provide **reliable** information on how management changes effect NUE.

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For farms in this area

that are eligible to participate in Farm Bill programs

How is NUE Calculated?

$$\text{NUE} = \text{N removed in harvest} \div \text{N available to crop}$$

NUE achieved	<60%	60-69%	70-79%	≥80%
Payment to farmer	\$15/ac	\$25/ac	\$35/ac	\$50/ac

Want to participate?

Visit our webpage for detailed program information

Conservationgateway.org/cig

or reach out to Andrew Lefever
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Benefits

Eligible practices

- Split applying nitrogen
- Improved micronutrient management
- Variable rate N
- Variable seeding
- Adding nitrogen or boron with fusarium head blight application

Other ideas? Talk to one of our partner agribusinesses!

- Cost-share for customized planning support for your wheat crop through a participating agribusiness advisor.
- An outcome-based payment focused on nitrogen use efficiency ranging from \$15 - \$50/acre.
- Learn how to implement new practices on your farm and what impact they have on your bottom line.

Many other practices would also be eligible, and may be a better fit for your operation

