



# Grown Climate Smart Program Application



Thank you for your interest in applying for The DeLong Co., Inc.’s Climate-Smart Commodities program. Completing this application does not guarantee enrollment, as capacity is limited. A member of the GCS team will reach out with further instructions if accepted into the program. Ineligibility or rejection for any year does not preclude you from participation in following years.

Applications may be mailed to The DeLong Co., Inc. at PO BOX 552, Clinton, WI 53525, sent via email to [david.swanson@grownclimatesmart.com](mailto:david.swanson@grownclimatesmart.com), or brought to your nearest DeLong or partnered location.

## Incentivized Practices\* - 2024 Program Year

- **Cover Crops- \$55/acre:** Crops including grasses, legumes, and forbs for seasonal cover. Approved species, rates, and planting dates determined by NRCS 340 standards.
- **Nutrient Management- \$19/acre:** Managing the amount (rate), source, placement (method of application), and timing of plant nutrients and soil amendments. Documentation must be provided meeting NRCS 590 standards.
- **Tillage Management- \$15/acre:** Managing amount, orientation, and distribution of crop and other plant residue on the soil surface throughout the year, including all soil-disturbing activities like tillage, planting, and nutrient applications. Reduced Till and No-Till thresholds defined by NRCS 345 & 329 standards.
- **Windbreak Establishment & Renovation- \$20/acre protected:** Multiple rows of coniferous trees or a combination of coniferous and deciduous trees are planted. One or two rows of shrubs are also often planted. To be eligible for enrollment, an existing windbreak must be renovated, or a new windbreak must be planted according to NRCS 380 standards. Windbreak enrollments are considered to have a 15-year practice lifespan by the NRCS, meaning a windbreak is only eligible to enroll once.
- **Bonus-\$5/practice/acre:** available to specialty, small, or underserved growers, as budget allows.

*\*A grower cannot receive GCS funds if they are already receiving federal funds for the same practice on the same ground. An enhancement must be made to the existing practice that is receiving federal funding in order to qualify for GCS funds.*

## Program Process:



## To be eligible for the program and receive incentives, you must:

- Establish Farm Records with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) (have farm, tract, and field numbers) and submit a signed FSA Information Release Agreement with Enrollment documents.
- Not be in an active federally-incentivized contract for practices on acres you wish to enroll. You may receive funds for these acres if an enhancement is made to a practice in an active contract.
- Follow NRCS practice standards and provide necessary proofs of practice.
- Enroll in a secondary sustainability program **as needed** (such as ISCC or SAI’s Farm Sustainability Assessment).
- Bring commodities produced on incentivized acres to a DeLong Co., Inc. or partnered facility for traceability and marketing opportunity.



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Contact the Grown Climate Smart team with any questions: [info@grownclimatesmart.com](mailto:info@grownclimatesmart.com) | (608) 676-3041

Producer Name & Farm Name (if applicable)		
Will your enrollment be split with anyone?	<input type="checkbox"/> No   <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (list name(s)): _____	
Primary Phone Number		
Mailing Address		
Email Address		
State(s) of Operation		
Number of Desired Acres to Enroll for each Climate-Smart Practice	Cover Crop	
	Nutrient Management	
	Reduced Tillage & No-Till	
	Windbreak Establishment & Renovation Protected area is 250ft from tree line. 1ac = 43,560 ft <sup>2</sup>   250 / 43,560 = 0.00574	Acres Protected = (length of tree line in feet) * (0.00574)
What is your primary motivation to participate in this program? <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Benefit   <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Benefit <input type="checkbox"/> New Market Opportunity   <input type="checkbox"/> Partnerships or Networks		
What are up to three types of outreach about this program that were provided to you? <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Organizations   <input type="checkbox"/> Conferences   <input type="checkbox"/> Co-op Extension   <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Education Workshops   <input type="checkbox"/> Existing Partner Networks   <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Visits / One-on-one Meetings <input type="checkbox"/> General Advertising   <input type="checkbox"/> Peer referral   <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Calls   <input type="checkbox"/> Print Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Retailers   <input type="checkbox"/> State Agencies   <input type="checkbox"/> Targeted Messaging   <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Service		
Are you certified or transitioning to organic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are any of the enrolled fields certified or transitioning to organic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Have you enrolled in Grown Climate Smart previously?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Have you previously received federal funds for Climate-Smart practices?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Have you previously received state or local funds for any Climate-Smart practices?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Have you previously received non-profit funds for any Climate-Smart practices?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Have you previously received market incentives for any Climate-Smart practices?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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