

## Frequently Asked Questions: **2024 Truterra<sup>®</sup> Carbon Program**

### **What is the 2024 Truterra<sup>®</sup> carbon program?**

The goal of the 2024 Truterra<sup>®</sup> carbon program is to help eligible farmers defray some of the technical and financial costs associated with the transition to conservation agronomy practices and potentially reward them for the impact of their services – whether they are new to these practices or have been utilizing them for many years.

### **What is the payment for eligible farmers participating in this program?**

Eligible farmers may earn up to \$30/metric ton with a \$2/acre minimum for the program.

### **What crops are eligible for the Truterra<sup>®</sup> carbon program?**

Corn (grain), soybeans, wheat (grain), or cotton present in crop years 2022-2024.

### **What are the eligible payment years for this program?**

Eligible farmers may receive payment for 2022, 2023, and 2024 (3 potential years, depending on eligibility of each field in each year).

### **What crops are ineligible for the Truterra<sup>®</sup> carbon program?**

Any crop that is not listed above is ineligible for the program for that year of eligibility. Popcorn, corn silage, sweet corn, alfalfa, sugar beets, kidney beans, and pumpkins are all examples of ineligible crops for this program. A field is only ineligible in the year in which it has an ineligible crop.

### **What practice(s) are required to be eligible for the Truterra<sup>®</sup> carbon program?**

Strip/no-till and/or use of cover crops on eligible crops in 2022, 2023, and/or 2024.

### **Does the initial practice change date impact eligibility?**

Any initial practice change year is eligible. Data collection is 2018-2024 for all Truterra<sup>®</sup> carbon programs, regardless of practice change year. Unlike previous Truterra carbon programs, data is not required for the years prior to 2017. However, farmers are only eligible for payment in 2022, 2023, and 2024.

## **Where is this program available?**

This program is available in the following states: AL, AR, GA, IA, IL, IN, KY, KS, LA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NE, ND, OH, OK, SD, TN, TX, WI.

## **How can a farmer get involved in the Truterra® carbon program?**

- If you do not already have a Truterra® MyPortal account, start by completing the pre-enrollment form at [Truterraag.com/enroll](https://Truterraag.com/enroll). Once the form is complete, farmers will be invited to create a Truterra® MyPortal account.
- Enter field boundaries and field-level data within Truterra® MyPortal to determine if the farmer has fields that may be eligible for any of the current Truterra sustainability programs.
- Complete enrollment for qualifying fields within Truterra® MyPortal.

## **When is program enrollment for the 2024 Truterra carbon program?**

Program enrollment is from December 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024.

## **What is the difference between offsets v insets?**

Carbon offsets are a way for individuals or entities to virtually compensate for their greenhouse gas or carbon emissions by investing in projects or the output of those projects (i.e., through credits) that reduce or remove emissions from another entity that is external to the investor's own direct emissions and indirect or value chain emissions.

Carbon insetting refers to reducing emissions from within an entity's value chain—i.e., the manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors, and retailers involved in the production, delivery, and sale of a product to the consumer, as well as the consumer-use of the products and the end-of-life treatment of those products. For example, carbon insetting for a bread product manufacturer might involve reducing emissions through the use of more sustainable farming practices at a wheat farm that supplies wheat to the bread manufacturer, or might involve the use of lower-emissions fuel or electric trucks by the manufacturer's distributor.

## **What is an emissions factor?**

A carbon emissions factor is one tool that can be used in measuring a carbon footprint. An important step in the process of developing effective strategies to mitigate or reduce an entity's carbon footprint is measuring the entity's direct and indirect carbon emissions—including the emissions from the entity's value chain—as well as measuring the amount of emissions reduced, avoided, or removed by particular activity changes or interventions. One crucial aspect of taking such measurements can be the use of emissions factors. Emissions factors represent the amount

of greenhouse gases emitted per unit of activity (e.g., tons of carbon emissions per bushel of corn produced, or tons of carbon emissions per liter or gallon of fuel consumed).

### **How long is the commitment?**

The Vintage Year Enrollment Schedule obligates the farmer to provide services to Truterra for the years identified in the schedule and to provide data to Truterra for the next five years. The Vintage Year Enrollment Schedule does not obligate a farmer to provide services beyond the reporting tail or sell carbon benefits to Truterra in future years.

### **What data is required for participation in the Truterra® carbon program?**

Eligible farmers must provide crop and other data from 2018-2024.

### **Is a farmer that participates in the Truterra® carbon program eligible for other Truterra programs?**

Depending on eligibility and program parameters, some fields may be enrolled in this program plus the Truterra® financial assistance – a USDA-supported program or the Cedar River Regional Conservation Partnership Program. Fields must meet eligibility requirements for each program they are enrolled in.

### **Is a farmer who signed a VYES for the 2023 Truterra® carbon program but who does not otherwise meet the eligibility requirements eligible to remain in this program?**

Fields that signed a carbon contract (VYES) in Carbon '23 can be grandfathered into the 2024 Carbon Program. These farmers are still eligible to receive \$30/metric ton with a \$2/minimum for the program.

### **Is a farmer who signed a contract for the 2023 Truterra® market access program eligible for this program?**

2023 Truterra® market access program acres are not part of grandfathering. Program acres need to meet criteria and eligibility requirements to enroll for the 2024 Truterra® carbon program.

### **What tillage practices specifically are eligible for the 2024 Truterra® carbon program?**

Strip/no-till and/or use of cover crops on eligible crops in 2022-2024. Speak to your Truterra representative if you have additional questions on qualifying tillage practices.

### **If the addition of cover crops is the selected eligible practice, do farmers need cover crops on the acre every year?**

For the years to be eligible for cover crop only, yes, the cover crop would have to be associated with the eligible crop for 2022, 2023, and/or 2024.

**Is the \$2/acre minimum a one-time payment?**

Yes, the \$2/acre minimum is for the program duration (2022-2024) so a farmer would earn a single \$2/acre payment.

**For farmers with fields under contract in previous Truterra carbon programs, does additional data need to be collected?**

Yes. All field data 2018-2024 must be provided for farmers participating in the 2024 Truterra carbon program.

**How will payment information be shown in Truterra® MyPortal? Will there be a difference in what near-term or long-term adopters see?**

Payment estimates will be shown for farmers with practice changes in 2022-2024, the same way as they were shown for 2023 carbon programs. Farmers with practice changes in 2021 or prior will see “minimum \$2/acre” as an estimate in MyPortal.

**Will 2024 payment be delayed until full metric collection is complete?**

Yes. Full 2024 metric is required for carbon calculations and payment.