



# Sign up for STAR Pay-for-Performance Program to Douglas and Macon County Growers

## The Opportunity

ADM is committed to connecting growers with opportunities to help preserve their land and legacy.

ADM is working with STAR (Saving Tomorrow's Agriculture Resources), an initiative administered by local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), to identify fields and growers interested in improving their conservation practices.

## STAR Rating Scale and Compensation Levels



Payments for 2/3/4-STAR Ratings are received during the second year of enrollment when improvement is documented, not during the first year of data collection. Payment for 5-STAR Ratings can be received year-after-year.

Growers' compensation levels can change if their field rating differs year-to-year. Compensation is tied to acres, not bushels.

## Eligibility and How it Works\*

Corn and soybean growers in Douglas and Macon counties in central Illinois are eligible to participate.

To be eligible, a grower has to both: register with ADM, AND enroll their fields with STAR by answering a simple survey about the practices they utilize. STAR provides each field a confidential Rating of 1 to 5 STARs. You may receive payment based on these factors:

1. Receive and maintain a 5-STAR Rating (the highest), OR
2. Demonstrate improvement in your initial STAR Rating over a two-year period.

Example:

Year 1: Your field's STAR Rating is a 1

Year 2: Your field's STAR Rating is a 2

Because of the STAR Rating improvement from one year to the next, you will collect \$5/ac up to the acreage cap (500 acres/grower/year).

Program participants do not need to be ADM customers.

## Benefits of Participation

- STAR provides a quick and confidential self-assessment of your conservation practices.
- STAR recognizes your commitment to land stewardship and soil health.
- STAR provides local technical assistance for conservation adoption.

## How to Get Started

Contact your ADM representative or call us at 217-424-5200 for more information.

## Key Upcoming Deadlines

- **July 1, 2022** – ADM registration opens, STAR field forms available for submission
- **August 31, 2022** – Registration and STAR field form completion due
- **October 15, 2022** – Approved growers are notified of payment (payment clears in Spring 2023)

*\*Availability is limited as are the acres per applicant. Preference is given to early applicants.*

*Program details subject to terms and conditions in application materials, and subject to change at anytime without notice.*