Saving Tomorrow's Agriculture Resources





WHY STAR?

)	EASY, FIELD-LEVEL SELF-ASSESSMENT
	INFORMED BY LOCAL RESEARCH
	ROADMAP TO DECREASE NUTRIENT AND SOIL LOSS
	RECOGNITION FOR CONSERVATION PRACTICES
	CONNECTION TO LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



Across the board, conservation practices have made our farm more profitable. Our system, as a whole, is more efficient than it ever has been before.

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HOW IT WORKS

The STAR evaluation system assigns points for management activities on an annual basis. Participants answer a series of simple questions about their crop rotation, tillage, nutrient applications, and use of conservation practices to generate their overall field score. STAR relies on the expertise of a local science committee, made up of university researchers, conservation professionals, and farmers, to assign the highest point values to practices identified to address local resource concerns. Scores are converted to a STAR rating of 1 to 5 STARs, with 5 STARs indicating commitment to a suite of practices proven to improve soil health and water quality.

MOST COMMON 5-STAR PRACTICES

Below are the most common practices implemented on Illinois 5-STAR fields in Crop Year 2019.



used no-till or strip till management



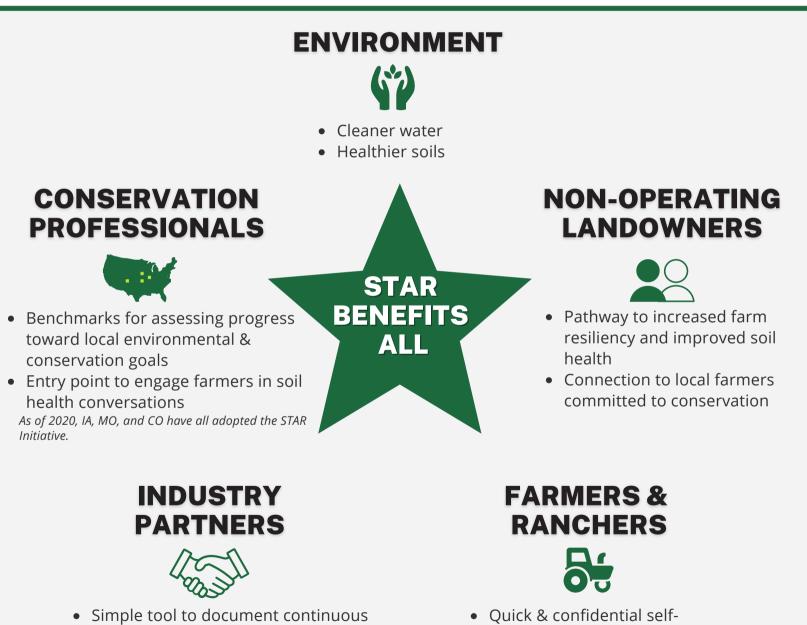
planted a winter hardy cover crop



applied P & K based on soil tests or removal rates



used variable rate technology



- Quick & confidential selfassessment
 - Opportunity to share your story



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improvement and provide client

• Creation of common language across

recognition

the supply chain