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- **Twenty states increased their cover crop acreage by more than 50% and eight of those more than doubled cover crop acreage since 2012, including Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Mississippi, Nebraska, Vermont and Arizona.**
- **Iowa had the greatest increase in cover crop acres, growing 156.3% since the last census.**
- **A few states, including Rhode Island, Wyoming, New Mexico and Alaska, decreased their cover crop acreage. Other states, including California, increased their cover crop acreage by less than 5%. California, for example, increased its cover crop acreage by 3% since 2017.**

major dividends in soil health and conservation on many types of farms and in all regions of the United States,” says Dr. Rob Myers, director of Extension programs for North Central Region SARE. “My hope is that this pace of increase will continue and even accelerate, leading us to 40 or 50 million acres of cover crops in the next decade.”

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